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## Wilmington High School's Students of the Month for November

Wilmington's Students of the Month for November were nominated for exemplifying the Collaborator mindset: Shivam Purohit, Ellen Corradi, Ronan O'Shea, Kaleigh Quinn, Robert Saint-Hillien, Benjamin Kobacic, Clare Soucy, Jackson Hegarty, Irakli Dzaganiashvili, Ella Dong, Jonathan Panatta, and Anna Cavanaugh. (Courtesy photo)

## Town manager proposes new town hall hours

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday, Dec. 9, the Select Board discussed their communications and voted to approve various appointments and licenses.

They scheduled a moment to recognize the Wilmington Youth Hockey 18U Tier III Small Team, except the team was unable to assemble that night. Chair Greg Bendel commented to congratulate the team for the winning of the

division 3 state championship and their tremendous success and accomplishment. He wished all of the team members and the coach well and said that he would invite them in properly another time.

Town Manager Eric Slagle wrote two memos to the board on proposed hours for the town hall and the manager's performance evaluation. He stated that he wanted to have a discussion with the board members on the proposed new town hall hours, where they

would add one late day potentially on Monday or Tuesday nights.

He explained that through evaluating with other department heads, they identified an infrequency of visitors on Friday afternoons, and they were wondering if it would make sense to have an evening hour to accommodate residents who work regular business hours. He shared that many surrounding towns do the same.

Slagle's plan was for

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## Town manager expects AG to sue over Section 3A

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As the Select Board met on Monday, Dec. 9, just two days after the special Town Meeting, a few comments came up during their meeting about the results from Saturday.

First, Town Manager Eric Slagle wrote a memo to the board with the results of the meeting. He established that the board members were present in the meeting, so his memo was more for the public. Slagle shared that 508 registered voters signed into the meeting on Saturday. There were five articles on the warrant, and the town took action on all five articles. The meeting ended around 12 p.m.

He then described that article one, proposing the MBTA zoning overlay district, likely drove the most participation, was carried over from the annual Town Meeting earlier this year. The proposal would make the town compliant with Massachusetts General Law 40A section 3A, the MBTA Communities Law. This required a simple majority to pass. The vote failed with 154 affirmative and 288 negative.

For article two, a housekeeping amendment to codify the site plan review authority of the Planning Board with respect to as of right projects, the zoning bylaw was proposed to be edited to make it clear

that the Planning Board cannot deny projects but only approve or approve with conditions. This article required a 2/3 majority, and it passed 343 affirmative votes and 52 against.

Article three was the other zoning article related to the MBTA overlay zoning district which would have added a 15 percent affordable requirement to the new district if it passed. He said this unfortunately came up before article one due to random draw.

Article three required a 2/3 majority and failed, 217 votes in the affirmative and 196 in the negative. Slagle added that changes to the Zoning Act under Governor Charlie Baker permitted certain zoning changes to pass with only a majority vote.

Then, articles four and five both passed. Article four was to pay a bill from 2023 in the amount of \$111.82, which required a 9/10 majority to pass, and it passed unanimously. Article five was for an additional \$530,000 for 64 Wildwood St. which the town took by eminent domain. This vote needing a 2/3 majority passed with 400 positive and two negative votes.

Chair Greg Bendel commented that the meeting saw a good turnout and thanked the Department of Planning and Conservation and the Planning Board for their preparation for the meeting.

In public comment, Terence Boland spoke to say that he was disap-

pointed with the outcome of Town Meeting though he understood it was up to the residents to vote. He stated that in his opinion, the votes from Saturday went against the town's Master Plan and the response of residents in surveys put out by the Planning Board.

He suggested they understood that residents wanted to see Main Street be developed to look nice and have mixed use. However, looking at the vote, he couldn't see a realistic vision for the town.

He went on to say it was frustrating that the Planning Board didn't know what residents wanted to see in town. He also suggested that the board begin monitoring the impact of noncompliance with the MBTA Communities Law so they could quantify it and decide at any point if they need to shift.

"I don't think the state's going away, he said. "We do need to figure out what we're going to do about it when the state starts causing legal fees, suing us, cutting grants."

Bendel replied that the board would monitor this and he understood the Planning Board's frustration. He also stated again that he appreciated their efforts to put the zoning proposal together.

Slagle added that while it wasn't on the agenda for that night, the attorney general's office

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## Planning Board continues hearing on Main Street project

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The agenda for the Planning Board meeting on Dec. 3 included several projects for site plan review or subdivision plan and various special permits, along with a waiver and other endorsements.

The board first received updates for the site plan review, stormwater management permit, ground-water protection district special permit, and sign special permit for 208 Main St.

Jill Elmstrom Mann shared that they delivered corrections for all of the issues identified by the town's department heads including adding directional signs, amending the sign design, and demonstrating the size of the signs.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich noted that the Chipotle sign shown in the plans didn't meet the town's bylaw. Elmstrom

Mann established that their team was hired by Chase Bank, not Chipotle.

Gingrich suggested that they take the sizes of the Chipotle sign off the plans in that case.

The board voted to continue this project as they had not prepared draft conditions that night.

The next project was the definitive subdivision plan and stormwater management permit for 708R Woburn St. Doug Lees of Land Engineering and Environmental Service provided that they completed the traffic study and fixed various items as required.

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## Wilmington Library News:

## Super Smash Bros. tournament for grades 3 - 5 on Dec. 26

The library will be closing early on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 12:30 p.m. and will remain closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of the holidays.

## Adult Programs

## Needleworkers at Night

Monday, Dec. 23, 6 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. Now meeting every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the Library.

## Needleworkers

Friday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

## Drop-in Tech Help

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

## Youth Programs

## Family Movie Night: Frozen II

Monday, Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m.

Come watch Frozen 2 in your coziest PJs while sipping hot cocoa! All ages munching on popcorn! Aun

## Super Smash Brothers Tournament for



▲ Register now for our Super Smash Brothers tournament on Thursday, Dec. 26 from 2:30 - 4 p.m.! Students in grades 3-5 are welcome to show off their Smash Brothers skills and participate in a bracket style tournament. If others would like to watch or play on their own Switches at this event, they are welcome to join and do not need to register. (Courtesy photo)

Grades 3-5  
Thursday, Dec. 26, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

This vacation week show off your Smash Brothers skills and join us for a tournament! We will be running a bracket tournament for all registered kids in grades 3-5. If others would like to watch or play on their own Switches at this event, they are wel-

come to join and do not need to register. Grades 3-5

## Bubble Bash Dance Party (Waitlist Only)

Friday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m.

Pop bubbles and get your winter vacation wiggles out on the Stewart Room dance floor! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

## Winter Sock Plushies

Friday, Dec. 27, 3 p.m.

Come make a DIY penguin or snowman sock plushie just in time for winter! Grades K-5

## The Toe Jam

Winter Variety Show

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2:30 p.m.

Bundle up for "The Toe Jam Winter Variety Show!"

Join the fun as Mr. TOM and Mr. VINNY deliver 45 minutes of very interactive music, original tunes like "Walk like a Penguin," and even a real SNOW MACHINE surprise! Ages 2-8

## Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 25 until Friday, Jan. 3. They will reopen on Saturday, Jan. 4, and will be open only on Saturdays in January and February. Wednesday hours will begin again on March 5.

Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

## Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting [wilmlibrary.org/services/mp](http://wilmlibrary.org/services/mp)

## WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

## WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to [wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org) to register or call 978-658-2967.

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey appointed Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian to serve as the newest member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Association (MBTA) Board of Directors. Sheriff Koutoujian will be the public safety designee. Earlier this year, Governor Healey appointed Tom McGee to serve as Chair of the Board, following the resignation of Chair Tom Glynn.

"I'm proud to be appointing Sheriff Koutoujian to the MBTA Board of Directors, where he will work with this strong team of leaders to move us forward in our mission to deliver the high-quality MBTA service that riders deserve," said Governor Healey. "As a legislator and a Sheriff, he has always prioritized the health and safety of the people of

## Governor Healey appoints Sheriff Koutoujian to MBTA Board of Directors

Massachusetts, which is an important perspective to have on the Board."

"Sheriff Koutoujian is a highly respected and trusted leader, and we are excited that he will join the team at the MBTA Board of Directors," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We look forward to continuing to work with the Board, Secretary Tibbits-Nutt and General Manager Eng to make the T more safe and reliable for all of our communities." "The Healey-Driscoll Ad-

ministration values leaders who have strong working relationships with community members, and Peter Koutoujian has demonstrated during his career that he is approachable and sensitive to the needs of the public," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We look forward to working with him as we transform the MBTA into a public transportation system that is safe, reliable, and equitable."

"I've worked with Sheriff Koutoujian for years, and I know him to be an exceptionally talented leader who is committed to the safety and wellbeing of the people of Massachusetts," said former MBTA Board of Directors Chair Tom Glynn. "The MBTA's top priority is delivering safe and reliable service, and his extensive experience in public safety and law enforcement will be a valuable addition to the Board."

## About the Nominee:

Peter Koutoujian is currently the Middlesex County Sheriff. A former public defender, prosecutor, legislator, professor, and law enforcement leader, Sheriff Koutoujian has worked on leading issues in public safety and public health throughout his career. His work has earned him local and national recognition, including be-

ing named the national Sheriff of the Year for 2023 by the Major County Sheriffs of America.

Sheriff Koutoujian previously served as a State Representative from 1997-2011. He served as Chair of the Committee on Health Care and created the Commission on Oxycontin and Other Drug Abuse and the Commission to End Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.

He holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, a law degree from the New England School of Law, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bridgewater State University.

Sheriff Koutoujian has also earned honors as one of the nation's most prominent Armenian-American officials, including the U.S. Ellis Island Medal of Honor as well as the Mkhitar Gosh Medal and Medal of Gratitude from the Armenian government.

While the Sheriff still lives in his hometown of Waltham, he enjoys traveling to his wife Elizabeth's hometown in Madrid, Spain with their three children: Peter, Cristian, and Isabel.

Sheriff Koutoujian will continue to serve as Sheriff, in addition to his new role on the MBTA Board of Directors.

## Upcoming local events

December 21, Winter Solstice Celebration, Berry Pond at Harold Parker State Forest, 690 Middleton Road, North Andover. 3 - 5 p.m. Free but parking fees may apply. Hot cocoa for all. Reasonable accommodations upon advance request. Wear hikers and dress warmly. Solstice exactly at 4:14 p.m., short hike. For more information, please call 617-828-1728, or visit our website: [www.mass.gov/locations/harold-parker-state-forest](http://www.mass.gov/locations/harold-parker-state-forest)

December 22, Strongwater Farm's Winter Wonderland Event, 3 - 7 p.m., 500 Livingston St. Join us at Strongwater Farm for an evening of family festivities — hot chocolate bar, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, music, and more! Dress warm — Ugly Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged! Close-toed shoes required. \$30 per family (two or more), and \$25 per person. Pay at the door, or via the QR code (enter "SWF WWL" as note) Please check in at the lower barn for entry and additional tickets for various activities, such as a hay ride, that will be for sale.

The Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library Countdown to Christmas Mystery Gift Card Raffle. A \$5 raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$10 or greater gift card every day before Christmas, Dec. 1 - Dec. 24. Purchase at least two raffle tickets and you will have the chance to win the bonus raffle of a \$100 gift card to Cafe Sicilia. Raffle tickets may be bought online at the Friends website or on select days at Tewksbury Public Library.

Thanksgiving to New

Year's — Tewksbury Open Space Winter Tree Walk — visit Tewksbury Open Space lands at Pinnacle, Rogers, and Chandler Well Fields to discover decorations by local nonprofits. Trail maps at [tewbury-ma.gov/open-space](http://tewbury-ma.gov/open-space) and recreation plan committee

January 11, 2nd annual Project Period Care Drive to collect period care products for Middlesex Community College and the UMass Lowell Strive Pantry. 10 a.m. to noon. Drop-off location is MCC, 33 Kearney Square. The drive is collecting pads and tampons. For more information, contact Rep. Vanna Howard's office at 617-722-2060, ext. 7 or e-mail [vanna.howard@ma.house.gov](mailto:vanna.howard@ma.house.gov).

January 23, Tewksbury Community Blood Drive, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, 2 - 7 p.m. Visit RedCross Blood.org and search Tewksbury to schedule a time slot or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

February 7, Tewksbury Lions Club Music Bingo, 6:30 p.m., 777 South St., \$250 per table of ten. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Raffles. Reserve online at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. [PublicHealthMuseum.org](http://PublicHealthMuseum.org)

Alternative House Wishlist for the Holidays — There's No Excuse for Abuse — Notebooks, laundry items, arts and crafts supplies, new pillows, diapers and wipes, twin sheets, twin comforters. [Alternative-house.org](http://Alternative-house.org)

It's Your Money  
by Todd BrisboisOPTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS WITH A TAX BILL  
PART I

Taxpayers who can't pay their tax bill by the deadline shouldn't panic. The IRS offers several options to help them meet their obligations.

It's important for taxpayers to file their tax return or request an extension of time to file at [irs.gov/extension](http://irs.gov/extension) by the April deadline — even if they can't pay their full tax bill. Doing so will help them avoid a failure-to-file penalty.

This extension applies only to the filing deadline, not the payment deadline. Taxpayers who can't pay the full amount of taxes they owe by the deadline should file and pay what they can. Making a payment, even a partial payment, will help limit penalty and interest charges.

For taxpayers who cannot pay in full, taxpayers struggling to meet their tax obligation may consider these payment options.

## Online payment plans

Taxpayers who owe but cannot pay in full by the deadline don't have to wait for a tax bill to set up a payment plan. They can apply for a payment plan at [IRS.gov/paymentplan](http://IRS.gov/paymentplan). These plans can be either short- or long-term.

Short-term payment plan — The payment period is 180 days or less, and the total amount owed is less than \$100,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest.

Long-term payment plan — The payment period is longer than 180 days, paid in monthly payments, and the amount owed is less than \$50,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest.

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Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

## NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

## Crafts 'n' Stuff —

## Holiday Pop Up Card

Gift giving season is very much in swing and no gift is truly complete without a card. Crafts 'n' stuff host Rachelle Toth shows you how to add more fun to your messages with artistic pop-up designs just in time for your holiday!

2024 Service Learning Project:

## Margie Dunlap — Project Overview

In this short segment, WHS Business Teacher & DECA Advisor Margie Dunlap explains the service learning project assignment given to Wilmington High School students and the goals for students in this class with the project. WCTV also captured several student projects that will be featured on our channels and social media platforms.

2024 Service Learning: Warming the Journey Listen in as WHS student, Sydney Crane shares

about her project "Warming the Journey" and how she supports people in rehab through the holidays and Mayflower Recovery Center.

\*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: [WCTVWilmington.com](http://WCTVWilmington.com)

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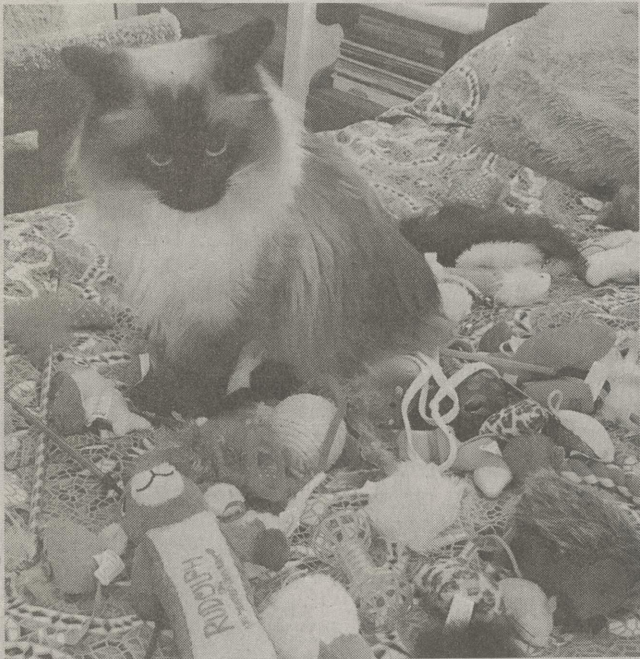
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(Heather Burns photos)

# Lifestyle

## Owners to spend the holiday season with their pets

By HEATHER BURNS  
News Correspondent

As we find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season, most of us plan to celebrate the season with family and friends.

For many, this includes four-legged, furry family members as well as feathered and scaly pet friends.

The inclusion of pets in holiday celebrations has been a growing trend in the United States, as many Americans consider pets to be an intricate part of the family dynamic.

Due to this ongoing devotion to our beloved pets, American pet owners are expected to spend over \$136 billion each year on the family pet.

Although a good portion of this amount is spent on veterinary care, food, grooming and training classes, there is still a significant amount of these funds designated to be spent on our pets during the holidays.

According to *PetExec.com*, the amount of money spent on holiday pet gifts varies greatly depending on the pet owners age.

The average amount an American household spends on holiday gifts for their pet is just under \$50, but both Millennials and Gen Z are expected to spend closer to \$100 on their pet this holiday season.

Top holiday gifts include toys, holiday-themed treats, and personalized essen-

tials like food bowls, collars, tags, and apparel.

Festive holiday outfits, sweaters, and other apparel are also extremely popular pet gifts, with matching human/pet outfits and pajamas as a top seller in many stores.

It is understandable why many pet owners who consider their pets a full fledged family member would want to show their love with a generous gift at the holidays, but there are also several pet-friendly holiday events where you can share the gift of your time with your pet this holiday season.

Join in the fun of participating in The Blu Dot Seapaw Portrait Contest, Holiday Edition at Boston's famed Seaport area at 141 Seaport Blvd. in Boston.

Blu Dot invites you to snap your best photo of your pet on location at Seaport to enter this holiday contest.

Pet owners are encouraged to dress your pet in their most festive attire for the holiday season, then post your photo on Instagram or Facebook. Be sure to tag your photo @bludot and @seaportbos to be considered for this contest.

The contest is not exclusive to dogs, as any furry, feathered or scaly pet is welcome to participate.

Winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Polkadog Bakery and all bragging rights that come with such a prestigious award.

For more information on this event, email [kpatter-son@bludot.com](mailto:kpatter-son@bludot.com).

On Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 celebrate the holidays with your four legged friends at Trillium X Tandem X Harks Yappy Hour.

This holiday event is from 6 to 8 p.m. at 50 Thompson Place in Boston, and will surely get you in the holiday mood as the atmosphere surrounds both you and your pet with the warm glow of seasonal lights, holiday decorations and a friendly community vibe.

This seasonal space is welcoming to both cats and dogs, with areas designed for pets to play and socialize while humans can mingle and get into the holiday spirit with fellow pet lovers.

Events include free treats from Polkadog Treats, complimentary activities for cats and dogs, professional portrait opportunities, themed photo ops, and sessions with a pet psychic.

For the humans, there will be renowned craft beers, and seasonal bites to sample.

Best of all, this event is free to the public! No reservations are required, but expect this fun and popular event to be busy.

What better way to ring in the New Year, than to do it with your trusted canine companion at your side.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in 2025 at New

England's only dog friendly party.

Park 9, located at 48 Waters Ave. #1 in Everett is a combination of full service bar and indoor dog park area providing entertainment and camaraderie for dogs and their owners under one roof. They also offer dog daycare and other canine events.

This event is designed to encourage friendships among fellow dog owners in a festive environment.

All dogs must be registered in advance with Park 9 and have a pass to enter the event.

Participating dogs must be at least four months old, socialized for group play, and be current on all required vaccinations.

Doors open at 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and tickets must be purchased for this event in advance at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

For a full list of rules and to register your pet for this event, visit [www.park9dogbar.com](http://www.park9dogbar.com).

Before time runs out this year, celebrate man's best friend in a festive way that only a loyal family member and friend deserves.

Whether you buy your pet a favorite toy, dress them from head to paw in festive apparel, or spend quality time at a pet friendly event, keep in mind the best gift you can give is your unconditional love and support, because after all, that is the exact gift your pet gives to you every day.

## Explore Jones Town Forest in Billerica

By PAIGE IMPINK  
News Correspondent

Nestled behind Shawshen Technical High School is Billerica's largest town forest, Jones Town Forest. At 130 acres, the property offers a nice chance to enjoy nature without having to travel far.

The property, which is accessed at Castlewood Drive, is a combination of woodlands and wetlands. The generally flat trail covers approximately 2.8 miles out and back. Jones Brook works its way through the property as it meanders toward the Shawshen River.

Wildlife includes deer, coyote, birds and the trails are quiet and usually not busy. Parking is available for 3-4 cars.

According to Hike Beautiful Billerica's Marlies Henderson, Jones Forest was donated by Nathan Royal Jones, in memory of his dad (Nathan Parker Jones). Henderson said that Jones was a contemporary of Warren Manning, a nationally acclaimed landscape architect and conservationist in the 1930s.

Manning had an office and home in Billerica and urged many landowners to donate property to the town or state. Manning



▲ The entrance to Jones Forest is marked clearly on Castlewood Drive. The 2.8 mile out and back trail provides a quiet woodland walk.

(Paige Impink photo)

made sure the donors were memorialized with an engraved boulder and Henderson has discovered the one in Jones Forest.

Henderson said that Warren Manning, for whom Warren Manning State Park in Billerica is named, is known for his work with layered maps; the forerunner of today's GIS system (Geographic Information System).

"His apprentices often became famous landscape designers and one, Daniel Kiley, hand-drew a cute yet super accurate map of

a 1936 snowshoe 'tramp' from Billerica Center to Jones Forest and back," said Henderson.

It is preserved among the archived Warren Manning collection in the Library of Landscape History located in Amherst, Massachusetts. A digital version is available through the LALH website at [lalh.org](http://lalh.org). The map marks the aforementioned memorial boulder.

The trails are not marked but are pretty straightforward. There is a bridge in dire need of repair,

according to Henderson, which crosses Jones Brook. Henderson leads guided hikes of the contiguous parcels often in the snowy weather, offered through Billerica Recreation.

Henderson said the winter is a great time to walk with no bugs, no mud, and better views due to fewer leaves!

To learn more about other hiking opportunities in Billerica, visit [marliesoutdoors.com](http://marliesoutdoors.com) or [Billerica.myrec.com](http://Billerica.myrec.com).

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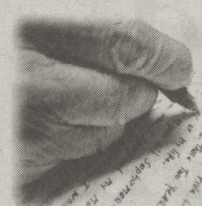
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## Letter to the editor

### At least 32 citizen groups from 32 municipalities filed or will file a class action lawsuit against MBTA zoning law

To the editor,  
On Oct. 5, 2022, a group of concerned citizens did not believe the state had the right to impose the MBTA "Mandate" Law (3A) on Rockport and filed a lawsuit opposing it. The lawsuit (Docket No. 2277CV00947) argued that it was unconstitutional since it was in conflict with Home Rule (1965, the State Home Rule Amendment, Article 89) and the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine along with other questionable procedural changes.

Without soliciting support from others, citizen groups from other towns eventually heard about the lawsuit and concurred with the objections in the Rockport lawsuit. As a result, nine (9) separate citizen groups from nine (9) different towns joined the Rockport suit with their individual Motions to Intervene on 5/24/2024.

The nine (9) groups are from Rowley, Malden, Wayland, Marblehead, Danvers, Gloucester, Millbury, Wakefield and Winthrop. This was the first wave of municipalities motioning to certify the Rockport lawsuit as a Class Action Lawsuit.

On 8/2/2024, the second wave in support of the Class Action Lawsuit were submitted. There were nine (9) in this second wave and they were from Needham, Sudbury, Marshfield, Acton, Newton, Duxbury, Maynard, Plymouth, and Hanson.

On 12/3/2024, the third wave in support of the Class Action Lawsuit were submitted. There were seven (7) in this third wave and they were from Marlborough, Wenham, Dracut, Westford, Wayland, Halifax, and Hamilton.

Currently, we are putting together the fourth wave. Once we thoroughly review the submitted paperwork, we will be submitting at least seven (7), if not more, additional municipalities. The fourth wave will consist of at least Man-

chester, Chelmsford, Belmont, North Reading, Lexington, Reading, and Ashby if not more.

In total we will have a minimum of at least 32 municipalities joining in the Class Action Lawsuit with the Rockport's suit against the State's MBTA "Mandate" Law (3A). If this growing movement were made more public from the very beginning, there would probably be quite a few additional towns joining in by now.

As it is becoming obvious, many more towns and their citizens are opposing this overreach and seizure of municipalities zoning rights by the governor, attorney general and the state. The opposition to the state is growing despite the states' threats of withholding grants and other grants not specified in the law.

The opposition to the state is still growing despite the state even offering unsolicited grants as bribes for compliance. This is probably a risky tactic by the state since they are financially broke and I would suspect that some towns are actually now seriously looking at the yearly increased costs resulting from accepting the law versus the offered one-time limited grants being offered.

Serious economic studies should be considered before any municipality votes on this mandate. In fact, several towns have requested audits from the state's auditor to determine if this mandate is an unfunded mandate. Many are waiting for feedback from the state auditor.

I am proud of the citizens of Tewksbury and Wilmington who took the time to vote and obviously that the majority voted this mandate down.

George Ferdinand  
Tewksbury BOH  
Member

#### Book Stew Review

### 'The Berry Pickers' by Amanda Peters

By EILEEN  
MACDOUGALL

Joe and Ruthie, older brother and four-year old sister,

are members of the Mi'kmaq Nation in Nova Scotia, but when the novel opens, they are Joe and Norma, living separate lives.

Ruthie is kidnapped by a woman unhinged by many miscarriages, and her husband and sister go along with her spontaneous decision to abscond with Ruthie as she sits alone on a rock eating a sandwich while her family picks wild blueberries in a Maine field.

Joe assumes responsibility for this disaster and for all the subsequent harm that comes to his family, and for his own self-destructive ways.

Norma's home life is a shaky foundation built on lies and permeated with rigidity and fear. She knows, she dreams, of another, earlier life. Her

only comforters are her aunt and her aunt's partner, and she herself is rendered emotionally empty. Joe is as well, and he falls into a vortex of domestic violence and a wandering life throughout the plains and the west.

The reader can see a reunion coming, but there's much pain for all as Joe and Norma grow into middle age. The ending is as glorious and heart-rending as can be.

The two audiobook narrators keep the story moving along as the timbre of their voices reflect the hopelessness and the regrets of the siblings. An excellent story.

## Healey-Driscoll Administration awards \$12.4M to support behavioral health workforce

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that they have issued \$12.4 million through the Behavioral Health Trust Fund to 37 colleges and universities to financially support behavioral health students completing unpaid internships and field placements. These grants are for undergraduate and graduate-level students pursuing careers treating mental health or substance use disorders and are part of the state's efforts to grow a culturally and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce in Massachusetts.

"Massachusetts needs more qualified behavioral health professionals, and our administration is committed to supporting students eager to do this work," said Governor Maura Healey. "By investing in students looking to treat those experiencing mental health and substance use challenges, we're investing in the long-term health and wellness of communities across Massachusetts."

"We want Massachusetts residents to be able to access qualified behavioral health professionals when and where they and their families need them, and that will only happen if we lift barriers for entering this field," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "One crucial step to creating a strong behavioral health workforce is making earning a degree financially feasible for students driven to fill the roles."

Many behavioral health degree and certificate programs require workplace-based internships, apprenticeships, or practicum credit hours as a condition for program completion. Required field placements play a central role in helping students prepare to serve as behavioral health practitioners, but these experiences are often unpaid and often require students to sacrifice paid work. To support stu-

dents pursuing these careers, the funding is going to colleges with behavioral health degrees that require field placements, with a focus on institutions in geographic areas that are priorities for advancing health equity.

"By lifting financial barriers for students pursuing behavioral health degrees, we are encouraging a more diverse student body to enter this field, which helps us create a more diverse workforce to meet the needs of residents from various backgrounds," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "We're proud to launch a program that helps those looking to help others."

"A good internship or field placement can teach a person much-needed skills and help them gain experiences that last long into that individual's career," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh. "I am grateful this funding gives us the chance to support people financially, which not only helps build a more diverse workforce but also ensures people reach the right behavioral health services when and where they need it. Building a stronger workforce that does not have to worry about financial limitations means we can help every person and community throughout Massachusetts get the care they need and in a way that truly makes a difference."

The behavioral health internship funds are being issued to campuses as grants to be distributed to qualifying students over a two-year period and can be applied to internships being completed in the 2024-2025 academic year and 2025-2026 academic year. Students at the awarded institutions who may be eligible for the funding should speak with their program advisor and financial aid office.

"Internships help behavioral health graduates

prepare to serve community members on day one, and these funds will lessen the financial burden of completing these essential learning experiences," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "The more we make entering the behavioral health workforce possible, the more we can create a pipeline of talented professionals prepared to serve residents across the Commonwealth."

This funding is from the Behavioral Health Trust Fund that was established by the state with American Rescue Plan Act funds and is managed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Behavioral Health Trust Fund was a recommendation of the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission, which was comprised of 22 members from government and the behavioral health sector. Funds are used for addressing barriers to the delivery of an equitable, culturally competent, affordable, and clinically appropriate continuum of behavioral health care and services.

"This program is a strong step to make working in behavioral health more accessible for Massachusetts students," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "This is an investment in homegrown talent that will help alleviate the workforce shortages in our behavioral health system. I'm grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for dispensing these funds, and look forward to seeing these young people make a difference in our state."

Massachusetts' public and private colleges and universities receiving funds include:

- American International College: \$310,000
- Anna Maria College: \$130,000
- Assumption University: \$170,000
- Bay Path University: \$695,000
- Berklee College of

- Music: \$85,000
- Boston College: \$785,000
- Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis Inc: \$50,000
- Boston University: \$935,000
- Bridgewater State University: \$580,000
- Cambridge College: \$460,000
- College of Our Lady of the Elms: \$165,000
- Emmanuel College: \$110,000
- Fitchburg State University: \$70,000
- Framingham State University: \$70,000
- Gordan College: \$50,000
- Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary: \$105,000
- Harvard University: \$50,000
- Lesley University: \$675,000
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts: \$50,000
- MCPHS University: \$150,000
- Merrimack College: \$80,000
- MGH Institute of Health Professions: \$55,000
- Northeastern University: \$180,000
- Regis College: \$285,000
- Salem State University: \$930,000
- Simmons University: \$1,540,000
- Smith College: \$260,000
- Springfield College: \$1,045,000
- Suffolk University: \$65,000
- Tufts University: \$230,000
- University of Massachusetts — Amherst: \$50,000
- University of Massachusetts — Boston: \$370,000
- University of Massachusetts — Dartmouth: \$140,000
- Western New England University: \$180,000
- Westfield State University: \$400,000
- WILLIAM JAMES College: \$395,000
- Worcester State University: \$485,000

### \$3,000 to Wilm. Comm. Fund

The Tewksbury Wilmington Elks received funding to donate \$3,000 to the Wilmington Community Fund as a part of the Lodge's Beacon Grant through the Elks National Foundation. This Grant is designed to assist the Pantry in helping the community during this holiday season. On Dec. 7 the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks presented this check to the Pantry, and after the Elks members spent time volunteering assisting the Fund Board with their operation.



The picture shows, from left to right, Rob LeFave, Officer-Elks; Diane Manory, Elks Grant Committee; Dianna DiGregorio, President, Wilmington Community Fund; Doreen Mulrone, Officer-Elks; and Janice Higgins, Elks Grant Committee.

(Courtesy photo)

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# Shawsheen Tech installs new SkillsUSA Chapter Officers

BILLERICA — Shaw-sheen Valley Technical High School's SkillsUSA chapter held its annual officer installation ceremony on Dec. 3 in the school auditorium. This formal event brought together families, students, state leadership, and school personnel to celebrate the appointment of the chapter's new officers and highlight the importance of their leadership roles.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from Chapter Advisor Heidi Lloyd, followed by Assistant Chapter Advisor Karen Meister's initiation of the installation process with the swearing-in of Parliamentarian Nariah Oscar.

From there, the event transitioned to a student-led format, showcasing the professionalism and skills of the newly elected officers. Each officer-elect performed a ceremonial candle-lighting, received a pin of distinction and the resources for their role, and introduced the next officer-elect for swearing-in.

The following seven offi-

cers were officially installed:

- Nariah Oscar (Parliamentarian)
- Spencer Talbot (Ambassador)
- Devyn Donnelly (Historian)
- Carmella Deacy (Treasurer)
- Mackenzie Miller (Secretary)
- Karina Palencia (Vice President)
- Giana Manoloulis (President)

President Giana Manoloulis concluded the officer installations with an inspiring speech reflecting on her journey with Skills USA.

"For me, SkillsUSA has been about personal growth," she shared, describing her transformation from a shy freshman to a confident senior leader.

"SkillsUSA gave me the opportunity to improve public speaking and believe in myself," she added, crediting the organization's training programs for her development.

Giana expressed her gra-

titude, stating, "There are so many wonderful things about SkillsUSA, and I am honored to represent our chapter as President."

Following her speech, President Manoloulis recognized the chapter's subcommittee members for their contributions, presenting each with leadership handbooks, pins, and certifications for participating in the organization's fall state leadership conference. Subcommittee members include: Millie Hardy, Eliel Soto, Finn Shibles, Tyler Labeta, Carly Heichman, Sofia Medeiros, Braedon Brazil, Kevin Pio, and Maddox Cadet.

The ceremony also featured an inspiring address from guest speaker Akram Mchiti, SkillsUSA State Vice President and a senior Information Technology Services student at Essex Tech.

Mchiti emphasized the value of limitless learning in leadership, stating, "As you embark on your new leadership positions, re-

# OBITUARY

## Michael B. Jasilewicz Enjoyed spending time with granddaughters

Michael B. Jasilewicz Sr., age 70, passed away on Nov. 30, 2024 while battling a long illness.

He was born in Cambridge on May 17, 1954, to his late parents, Benjamin and Martha (Markarewicz) Jasilewicz. He was a beloved father to Jennifer Jasilewicz of Andover, Michael Jasilewicz of Prague, and Christina Gonzalez and her spouse Ron of Pelham, NH.

Michael was raised in Tewksbury and was a graduate of TMHS in 1972. During his high school years is where he met his wife Kathleen Pace and they recently they just celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

In his younger years, Mike enjoyed Harley's, hunting, woodworking and spending time with the family. Once he be-

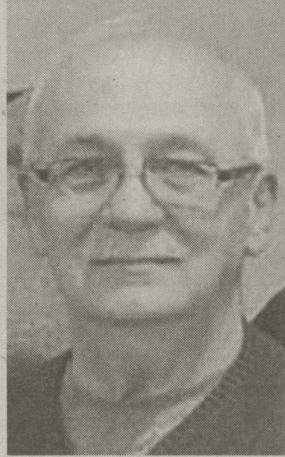
came a grandfather to his grand-daughters Liv and Ava he was putty in their hands.

Papa enjoyed his days jumping on the trampoline, going to the beach and just enjoying time with the girls.

On the weekends you would catch him at 7/11 (formally Lil Peach) having coffee with the guys or flapping away down at Krochmal Farm with the Cave family. Mike also enjoyed deep sea fishing with his buddies and co-workers from Avalon Apartments.

As his health deteriorated over the past few years, he lost the ability to do the things he loved, but he still made it a point to connect with friends and families because he knew his time would be ending soon.

Besides his wife, children and grand-daugh-



ters, Michael is survived by his brothers John, Paul, Frances "Itch," Peter and Joseph. The extended family is too large to list, but Michael loved you all deeply.

Celebration of life will be held on Jan. 4, 2025 at T.J. Callahans from 1 - 4 p.m., all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Tewksbury Food Bank.



▲ President Giana Manoloulis presents subcommittee member Eliel Soto with a leadership handbook, pin, and certificate during the Officer Installation Ceremony on Dec. 3. (Photo: Allison Cammarata)

member that leadership is a continuous journey."

He likened the officers' roles to essential components of a system, saying, "You are the gears in a machine, the program in a

video game, and the engine in a car. Your role is vital to the success of the chapter and its members."

Shawsheen's SkillsUSA chapter has been actively engaged this fall, with upcoming events including the conclusion of their annual Toys for Tots drive and the planning of its first holiday party for a local shelter.

SkillsUSA is a national non-profit organization dedicated to preparing students for success as skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members. By focusing on personal skills, workplace competencies, and technical expertise grounded in academics,

SkillsUSA equips students to excel in over 130 occupational fields. Participants develop essential career-readiness skills such as teamwork, communication, professionalism, and leadership, laying the foundation for lifelong achievement.



▲ Shawsheen's newly installed 2024-2025 SkillsUSA chapter officers and subcommittee members are: back row (left to right): Spencer Talbot, Giana Manoloulis, Karina Palencia, Mackenzie Miller, Nariah Oscar, Devyn Donnelly, Carmella Deacy, and SkillsUSA State Vice-President Akram Mchiti; front row (left to right): Finn Shibles, Carly Heichman, Eliel Soto, Kevin Pio, Braedon Brazil, Maddox Cadet, Sofia Medeiros, Millie Hardy, and Tyler Labeta. (Photo: Allison Cammarata)



Secretary Mackenzie Miller fulfills her first official duty by swearing in Vice President-elect Karina Palencia. (Photo: Allison Cammarata)

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St. Jude patient Sebastian, brain cancer



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# Department of Correction recruits graduate

WORCESTER — The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) proudly announces the graduation of 34 recruits from the 336th Recruit Training Academy. Throughout the intensive 12-week program, these graduates developed the skills and knowledge required to serve as Correction Officers and Recreation Officers across the DOC's facilities statewide.

"As the DOC continues to be a leader nationwide in implementing innovative programs and reducing recidivism, we also must train future leaders who will eventually take those reins and further our successes," said DOC Commissioner Shawn Jenkins. "Our Training Academy equipped these graduates with the skills and knowledge to advance the mission of the DOC and strengthen the future of

our agency."

"Through hard work, training, and tenacity, our graduates reached this important milestone where they can take their oath and confirm their commitment to public service," said Janice Perez, Director of Staff Development and Diversity & Equal Employment Opportunity. "We look forward to watching their careers grow."

The graduation ceremony was held on December 13, 2024, at Worcester State University. The recruits took their oath, received their badges, and were addressed by Massachusetts Probation Service Commissioner Pamerson Ifill.

The 31 newly graduated Correction Officers' roles will include patrolling facilities, monitoring the housed population, supervising visitation, conduct-

ing contraband searches, and educating individuals about rehabilitative and educational opportunities. The three new Recreation Officers will coordinate athletic and recreational activities, maintain equipment, and oversee the safe operation of recreational facilities.

The 12-week academy curriculum provides recruits with advanced training in security protocols, defensive tactics, effective communication, proper inspections, and de-escalation strategies. Recruits also had the opportunity to tour DOC facilities to gain a firsthand understanding of their future work environments. Additionally, the academy program introduced recruits to health and wellness resources, including the department's Struggle Well program, to promote resilience and support

their well-being throughout their careers.

The DOC is actively recruiting motivated individuals to join its dedicated team. The DOC offers competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, ongoing professional development, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Individuals interested in pursuing a rewarding career in corrections are encouraged to call 1-866-WRK-4DOC, email [DOC-Recruitment@mass.gov](mailto:DOC-Recruitment@mass.gov), or visit the Department's website for more information on career opportunities and upcoming academy classes.

- RTC 336 GRADUATES**

**Correction Officers:**

  - Anthony Ambrose
  - Adam R. Bates
  - Mariana Boyer
  - Joshua Bradshaw
  - Shanique Brown

**Recreation Officers:**

  - Samuel E. Bartow
  - Dracar T. Payton
  - Tony D. Quintanilha
- About the Massachusetts Department of Correction**

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) manages the custody, care, and rehabilitation of approximately 6,000 individuals across 13 state facilities. The DOC emphasizes evidence-based programming, trauma-informed care, and educational and vocational training to reduce recidivism and is committed to fostering accountability, personal growth, and successful reentry.

Through partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders, the DOC delivers innovative services tailored to the diverse needs of incarcerated individuals while advancing equity, inclusion, and long-term public safety.

## Local students receive collaboration recognition

NEWTON — Recipients of the Collaboration Recognition Award are selected by their peers for exemplifying superior skills in collaboration by sharing ideas and useful information, communicating in a professional manner, and co-operating in a way to ensure success. Collaboration is a main objective of the Lasell University mission statement. A key feature of this program is a peer-

nomination process at the end of the semester. This intentional experience in collaboration builds on the Core Curriculum learning outcome of Teamwork, which is recognized by the National Association of Colleges & Employers (NACE) as one of eight key competencies of career readiness and research shows that 81% of employers hiring college graduates are looking for evidence of an

Ability to Work in a Team.

The following local students were recognized by Lasell University in the Fall of 2024 for the Collaboration Recognition Award:

- Jack Salvaggio of Tewksbury, majoring in Forensic Science
- Jackie Tejada Chacon of Tewksbury, majoring in Fashion Design and Production
- Lindsay Scalese of Wil-

## Healey-Driscoll Administration awards \$4M for recycling and waste reduction

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced more than \$4 million in Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grants to 285 municipalities and regional solid waste districts, that will help communities maximize their recycling, composting and waste reduction programs.

"Every day, communities across Massachusetts are taking important steps towards environmental protection and sustainability through waste reduction," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "This funding will further empower municipalities to implement innovative programs and policies that are proven to maximize reuse, recycling, and composting."

"The Recycling Dividends Program helps communities leverage the benefits of increased reuse, recycling, composting, and waste reduction initiatives for a healthier economy and environment," said Mass DEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "This is another example of Mass DEP's commitment to building strategic partnerships with our cities and towns to build a more sustainable future."

MassDEP's SMRP Program provides funding for recycling, composting, reuse, and source reduction activities that will reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfills and incinerators. Waste prevention and recycling reduce greenhouse gas emissions by capturing the embodied energy in everyday products and packaging waste and converting it into new products. More than \$60 million has been awarded through the program since 2010.

This year, 278 communities qualified for the Recycling Dividends Program and will receive funding totaling more than \$3 million. This program recognizes municipalities that have implemented policies and programs proven to maximize materials reuse and recycling, as well as waste reduction. Communities receiving funding must reinvest in their own municipal recycling efforts. Under the program, 12 municipalities are being awarded grants of more than \$50,000: Attleboro, Boston, Brock-

ton, Cambridge, Fall River, Lowell, New Bedford, Newton, Quincy, Springfield, Taunton and Worcester.

Additional grant funds are being awarded to support start-up incentives for Pay-As-You-Throw programs, containers to direct mattresses to recycling facilities, wheeled carts for curbside collection of food waste, equipment for the collection of mercury-bearing items, and regional small-scale initiatives.

MassDEP also is awarding five large-scale grants for municipal projects that will expand the scope or effectiveness of reuse, recycling, composting, or household hazardous waste programs. These include a grant for \$250,000 to the City of Lawrence to establish a permanent household hazardous waste facility for use by residents of Lawrence and neighboring Methuen. The Town of Winchester will receive nearly \$150,000 in funds to install an aerobic digester to manage the town's residential food waste. Three additional large-scale grants were awarded to the cities of Brookline, New Bedford and Newton for waste reduction and reuse projects, totaling more than \$250,000.

"As Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I know that reducing, reusing, and recycling (in that order!) our plastics and other waste materials keep our communities clean and protect our shared planetary and personal health," said Senator Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "These grants play an important role in supporting and supplementing our towns' recycling and waste reduction efforts."


"As House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I am proud to see the continued investment in programs that help our communities reduce waste, maximize recycling, and promote sustainability," said Representative Dan Cahill (D-Lynn). "The funding provided through the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program is a crucial step in supporting municipalities as they work to implement effective recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs. By focusing on initiatives such as Pay-As-You-Throw, mattress containers and curbside food waste collection, we are taking a comprehensive approach to tackling the waste management challenges of today, while also fostering a cleaner and more sustainable future for all residents."

The full list of SMRP awards is available by visiting List of 2024 Municipal/Regional Grant Awards.

Also visit MassDEP's SMRP Program online for more information about the grant.

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources — air, water and land — to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.

**LEGAL NOTICE**



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Section 6.6.7.7 Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-10, and Site Plan Review Waiver #24-10, plan entitled, "Covestro, Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project, 730 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887", dated December 6, 2024, prepared by Nicla Facendola, P.E., Level Design Group, 249 South Street, Unit 1, Plainville, MA 02762. The application is for the removal of existing underground storage tanks and installation of concrete pads and containment areas to accommodate new surface storage tanks. Said property is located at 730 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 39 Parcels 8 & 8A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.


Terence Boland, Chair  
Wilmington Planning Board  
241319 12/19, 26/24

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**LEGAL NOTICE**




**NOTICE TOWN OF TEWKSBURY**

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 p. m. on the application of Brian Akashian on behalf of Speed Motors, Inc. for a new Class 2 license for an existing premise located at 2195 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

The hearing will be held in the Select Board's meeting room, Main Hall at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. Input is welcome from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Monday, December 30, 2024.

Patrick Holland, Chair  
Select Board  
241320 12/19/24

**LEGAL NOTICE**



**NOTICE TOWN OF TEWKSBURY**

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138, on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Herman Sahon on behalf of Archstone Auto Body Inc for the application for a New Class I License located at 91 Washington Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

The hearing will be held in the Select Board's meeting room, Main Hall at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. Input is welcome from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon on Monday, December 30, 2024.

Patrick Holland, Chair  
Select Board  
241316 12/19/24

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT**

**MIDDLESEX, SS. PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO. M124E0089PP**

To: Deanna Guglietta (n/k/a Deanna Smith) of Barre, MA, Peter Guglietta of Tewksbury MA and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Deanna Guglietta (n/k/a Deanna Smith) representing that they hold as tenant in common in an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Tewksbury, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as

135 Jennies Way, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876

The land with the buildings thereon, located in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 16 on Jennie's Way, Tewksbury, as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Lot Layout Plan, "Jennie's Woods", Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Scale 1" = 100', date: April 25, 1997, and

F. Perkins, Inc.", which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 197, Plan 103, to which plan reference is hereby referred to for a more particular description.

Lot 16 contains 23,019 square feet according to said plan.

Subject to Easement to MediaOne of Southern New England and MediaOne of Mass., Inc. recorded in MNRD Book 10273, Page 15.

Subject to utility easement to New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. recorded in MNRD Book 10298, Page 29.

Subject to Protective Covenants recorded in MNRD Book 10273, Page 225.

Included in this conveyance is the right to pass and repass over any and all ways as shown on said plan for all purposes for which such ways are commonly used in the Town of Tewksbury.

For Grantor's title see deed of First Liberty Development Corporation et ux recorded in MNRD Book 10561, Page 100.

Setting forth that the petitioner

desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at a private sale for not less than (\$775,000.00) SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such a manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Lowell before ten o'clock on the 20th day of December 2024 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Honorable Terri Klug-Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court, this 25th day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
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# Board continues hearing for 685 Main St. property

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Gingrich pointed out the requirement for a 20-foot site setback as the house would be upwards of 2,800 square feet. Attorney Mike Newhouse established the square footage would be about 2,868 as measured by an architect. However, he said that they didn't want to change the layout from the current ten feet side yard setbacks.

Planning Board Chair Terence Boland proposed

they remove the sentence requiring 20 foot setbacks from the draft conditions, which had been treated as a standard condition for anything over 2,750 square feet, but he wanted the board to discuss this number another time.

The board otherwise approved the draft conditions as amended and the stormwater decision as drafted.

Newhouse also spoke for 685 Main St. related to a site plan review, stormwa-

ter management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit. He shared that the applicant sought the certified abutters' list after they learned that some of the restorative work encroached upon neighbors' properties and sent notice.

They were at that time replying to the review letters from the town engineer and fire department. He also identified that it would pose a challenge

meeting the landscape buffer required and asked if it was truly necessary to install wooden fence as written in the bylaw.

Gingrich answered that a 20-foot vegetated buffer with a wooden fence is required in the zoning bylaw and the board has been consistent following it. She also mentioned that the Conservation Commission would review the proposal and potentially provide some type of tradeoff for the vegetation.

The board approved this review to continue on Jan. 7.

Newhouse provided under a site plan review waiver request for 685 Main St. that they were going to be filing with the

Zoning Board of Appeals, but they wanted to be able to work on the skin of the building through that review process to put in new siding, windows, and entry doors. The board granted the waiver.

The board then discussed their feedback on a Board of Appeals case for 90 Eames St. A representative on behalf of the project explained that the site was involved in litigation which stalled the construction so far but they were hoping it would end soon. They were requesting an extension to resume the two years of approval once the litigation ends.

Gingrich recalled that the permit was first issued in 2015 and the proj-

ect had been in litigation ever since. She explained that the two year deadline is put on hold during the appeal process but typically continues once the process is over. She also shared how town counsel provided options for extending or not, but the project had a 2-year extension from the end of litigation date due to a recent law.

The board seemed generally inclined to take no action. However, they voted to table the request and reconsider it at their next meeting.

They voted to endorse the plans for 619 Main St. and 36 Jonspin Road.

They lastly mentioned the street acceptance plan's punch list.

## Town manager suggests keeping town hall open later one day of the week

HOURS FROM PAGE 1

the town hall to pilot one late night and a half day on Fridays for the 2025 calendar year to evaluate whether it brings in any evening traffic. He suggested either Monday nights, which already feature Select Board meetings, although they would have to move it on Monday holidays, or Tuesday nights.

Gary DePalma said that this would allow residents one night a week to handle their town hall business without interfering with their work hours.

Lilia Maselli agreed that this would be a benefit to the town.

Frank West asked how the hours would even out if everyone took 4.5 hours less on Friday and stayed late for 2.5 hours on Tuesday. Slagle explained that this would also involve reducing town hall employees' lunches to 30 minutes instead of an hour, with no lunch break on Fridays.

Kevin Cairra asked if the town hall employees would mind cutting back their lunch hour. Slagle mentioned that the union proposed this in the past, so he didn't anticipate any concerns when he proposes this to them.

Cairra said that he preferred Tuesday night instead of Monday due to holidays and employees taking Mondays off for long weekends. He shared from his own work experience that half day Fridays go by quickly. However, he remained dubious about

shortening the lunch hour. Slagle stated that this would all be subject to his conversation with the union, and they had the right to propose edits. He also added that while the town hall hours weren't determined by bylaw but likely by the town manager's determination, he only wanted to move forward with the board's support.

Bendel commented that he was open to new ideas and closing the town hall at 4:30 was limiting for residents who work until 5 p.m.

"It's a good time to try out something [like this] given that we're having a new town hall come online," he added.

He also wanted to hear what the residents thought. He invited any of the board members to provide any more questions or comments on this matter to the town manager directly.

Slagle's second memo provided an evaluation matrix he created as a starting point for creating a template for the town manager evaluation. He offered it as something for the members to review and bring feedback and edits in January.

Bendel invited the other members to bring their thoughts so they can develop a format for moving forward.

West asked for a copy of the form used for previous town manager evaluations, and Slagle agreed to provide that.

The board later voted in

favor of appointing Karen Minich-Pourshadi to the Council of the Arts and Christopher M. Sambataro to the Commission on Disabilities. They also approved 2025 licenses for alcohol sales, amusement, vehicle sales, and entertainment, including a Sunday entertainment license for K1 Speed. They voted in favor of executing the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 2025 Seasonal Population Increase Estimation Form.

Resident Kevin MacDonald asked for the total warrant amounts approved by the board during public comment, and the answer provided by the town manager was over \$6.5 million.

Events highlighted by the board members in announcements included the special Town Meeting the Saturday before, the Festival of Trees and the tree lighting, the Santa Parade, and the Harnden Tavern Open House. Bendel also announced that the Shawshen Rams won the state title at Gillette Stadium.

The board members also wished everyone merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, and happy new year.

The Salute to Service honored Lori Belbin, who served as a private in the US Army in Atlanta where she achieved several certificates of achievement, the sharpshooter marksmanship badge, and an army service ribbon. Bendel thanked Belbin for her service.

## Some disappointed Town Meeting rejected MBTA zoning bylaw

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reached out to the town's legal counsel as of Saturday afternoon. He anticipated that the attorney general's office would be filing suits against all the noncompliant towns in January, as soon as they officially become noncompliant. He offered to have periodic information on this issue for future Select Board meetings.

Bendel asked that the town manager do so and put it in writing for the record.

"This is news I'm learning for the first time as well," he said. "We're going to stay on top of this and communicate it to folks as soon as we learn something."

He also agreed they needed a plan to move forward now that they know the results of the vote.

Gary DePalma restat-

ed his reasons for voting against the zoning proposal to say that he believed that the state's efforts were "bullying."

However, he wanted to see the town look at Main Street and consider how to bring in more commercial and residential properties. He also mentioned that he would be open to changing zoning in other ways in the future.

Frank West also agreed that the Department of Planning and Conversation and the Planning Board made a good effort to mitigate the impacts of the zoning proposal. He asked if the Planning Board surveyed business and building owners about the zoning proposal.

Boland answered that they did ask them specifically about their opinions on the zoning proposal, and the general response they re-

ceived was positive.

Lilia Maselli proposed that the Economic Development Committee be involved in the work to create a plan moving forward for the town's housing development plan.

Kevin MacDonald also made comments about the Town Meeting. He first restated that he believed article one was not appropriate, that he thought his own amendment should've been allowed because in his opinion it was relevant, and that he was frustrated the town was in a position to lose millions of dollars in potential grant funding because they had no back-up plan for compliance.

He called the zoning proposal "a complete joke" because it proposed multi-family zoning as of right where multi-family units already existed.

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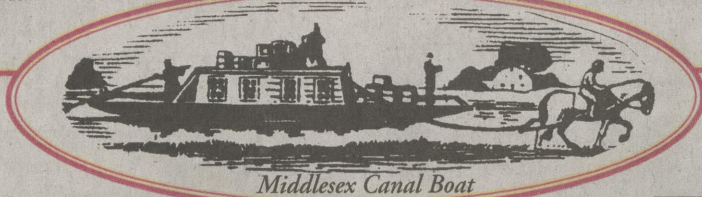
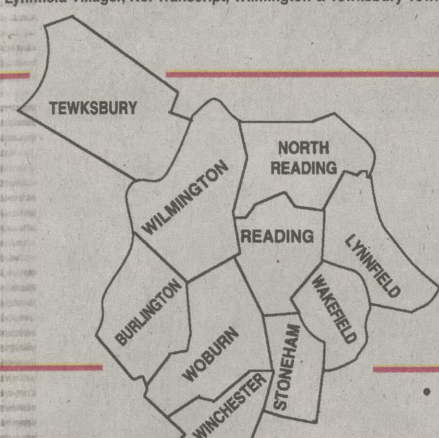
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## Woburn hopes spillway project will help herring along

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN - It's the annual herculean struggle that gave birth to the "swimming against the current" idiom used to celebrate those who buck convention.

But for the oceanic fish species whose very survival depends upon a successful battle against raging river and steam currents for spawning season, the Darwinian contest to make it to upstream bodies of water like Woburn's Horn Pond is hardly figurative. For the past several years now, local environmentalists and city

officials alike have combined forces in an effort to make that life-or-death struggle just a little easier for the region's Atlantic herring species by installing a new fish ladder by Horn Pond's Scalley Dam.

The estimated \$1.1 million project, which is winding its way through the state and federal permitting process, was just last month championed by city leaders in Woburn and representatives from the Mystic River Watershed Association. At the time, the environmental advocacy group and local officials had released a report

showing that some 640,000 native Alewife and Blueback herring species dashed their way through a similar fish ladder structure installed more than a decade ago at the Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford.

According to estimates conducted by the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), at least 37,500 herring swam all the way to Horn Pond for the spring spawning season in 2024. In total, the trek amounts to a more than 7-mile swim from the herring's natural saltwater environment in the Atlantic Ocean.

"Upon the completion of this project, herring in the Mystic River watershed will have access to much of their ancestral range. With an easier, more consistently available route to reach 100-plus acres of spawning habitat in Horn Pond, it is estimated that the Mystic River herring run could reach over a million fish," boasted Mystic River Watershed Association spokesperson Daria Clark in a prepared statement.

"I am thrilled to see so many herring make their way to our crown jewel Horn Pond. As a herring monitor, I see the positive impact more herring has on local wildlife. I look forward to even more exciting times when the fish passage is fully funded and completed," Woburn City Council President Jeffrey Dillon added in last month's joint statement.

Back in 2018, the completion of a previous riprap bypass channel by Scalley Dam enabled the return of spawning Herring to Horn Pond for the first time in a near century. That year, some 25,000 herring were observed making their way into Horn Pond.

Three years later, a record number of some 42,000 herring were spotted

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KEEPING COUNT - A volunteer monitor counting herring as they exit the Mystic Lakes Dam fish ladder. (Photo Credit: David Mussina)

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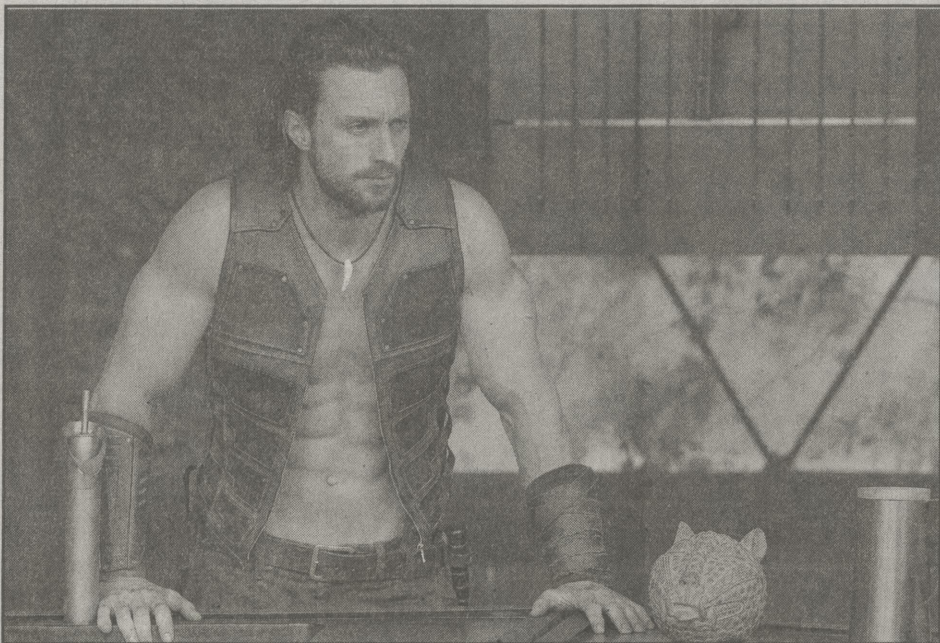
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# Movie Reviews & Box Office News

## 'Kraven the Hunter': a Spider-Man universe misfire



ON THE PROWL - Above, Aaron Taylor Johnson in Columbia Pictures and Marvel's "Kraven the Hunter" released by Sony Pictures.  
(Jay Maidment/Sony Pictures via AP)

By MARK KENNEDY  
AP Entertainment Writer

Kraven the Hunter can climb sheer walls like a gorilla, snatch fish out of streams like a bear and outrun deer. But there's something this slab of human beef can't do: Anchor a decent movie.

Aaron Taylor-Johnson plays the titular hero in "Kraven the Hunter," the sixth attempt in Sony's sputtering efforts to stock enemies for Spider-Man in movies that don't feature the webslinger. It's stuck in time, a callback to years ago when convoluted superhero origin stories were hot, and studios were dusting off even the poorest IP to tell stories.

The screenplay by Richard Wenk, Art Marcum and Matt Holloway attempts to build the backstory of Kraven but soon loses interest and begins adding origin stories for third-rate bad guys, like The Rhino and The Foreigner, before introducing Chameleon right at the end, as if another Kraven movie is coming. (Sony, make it stop).

Kraven, we learn, was born Sergei Kravinoff, the son of a Russian mobster who is turned into a superhero in a laughably weird plot twist. After being attacked by a lion on safari in Ghana, he's given a mystical botanical serum mixed with lion's blood and some mumbo jumbo about a tarot card. Clinically dead for three minutes, Kraven wakes up and is a world-class hunter. At least that's what he keeps saying.

"Hunting people down is kind of my thing," he says. And later: "I am the greatest hunter on the planet." Soon he's assassinating bad guys, but his motives aren't always clear. Hunting isn't exactly the same as infiltrating a high-security Siberian prison and killing a cartel boss.

Director J.C. Chandor has a very loose hand, never shaping a taut narrative or reining in his actors and sometimes letting scenes just sort of drop. The additional villains distract from what seems to be a meditation on masculinity, and the special effects are jerky and ludicrous, like a fistfight be-

tween Kraven and The Rhino — somehow still wearing pants — that prompted some laughter at a recent screening.

Part of the problem is that Kraven's powers aren't clearly defined. He's supposed to use animal skills to hunt, but are there many four-legged predators out there proficient with a blow dart or a pen to the trachea? He hates poachers but wears a tooth necklace and a leather bomber jacket.

Kraven's eyes sometimes glow but with no apparent benefit other than to make Taylor-Johnson look even more badass as he glares into the camera, shirtless. He does have the ability to focus his attention on far-away objects, like when he spots a dropped cigarette and identifies it as a Turkish brand, a skill really low on the superhero must-haves.

The movie suggests Kraven can communicate with animals, like Aquaman, but, if so, he's really, really bad at it. At best, they just sort of tolerate him. A tiger at one point jumps him and you can't blame it.

Kraven has been shaped

# HomeNewsHere RECIPE



**HOLIDAY SIDE DISH** - Roasted cauliflower pairs perfectly with shallots and aromatic orange and thyme for a deliciously beautiful holiday side dish that will please the whole crowd (even vegans)!

### STEPS

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 18x13-inch rimmed pan with cooking spray.
2. In large bowl, mix cauliflower, shallots, olive oil, salt and pepper. Spread in pan. Roast 35 minutes; stir. Roast 15 to 20 minutes longer or until browned and tender.
3. Toss roasted cauliflower with thyme and orange peel. Top with pine nuts.

### EXPERT TIPS

- This side is great served hot but is equally yummy at room temperature.
- For the prettiest shredded orange peel, use a channel knife, which is a favorite of bartenders.
- Cooking Vegan? Always read labels to make sure each recipe ingredient is vegan. Products and ingredient sources can change.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 medium heads cauliflower, cut into florets (9 to 10 cups)
- 2 medium shallots, sliced
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 2 teaspoons shredded orange peel
- 1/4 cup toasted pine nuts, if desired

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by the dam site, but in the years that followed, the numbers plummeted back below 20,000.

However, because it takes three-to-five years for herring species to reach sexual maturity, environmentalists were buoyed by this year's spawning surge. And given that the new fishway will only make it easier for the two native species to complete the first leg of their back-and-forth trek to Horn Pond and back to the Atlantic Ocean, Mystic River advocates are quite optimistic about the future.

"According to the Division of Marine Fisheries, the recent increase in 2024 herring numbers for both Horn Pond and Mystic Lakes is likely the result of the big migration year of 2019. Herring born during 2019 are now reaching mature spawning age and are returning to the river," explained Clark. "The Mystic River herring population is poised only to grow after fish get better access to Horn Pond."

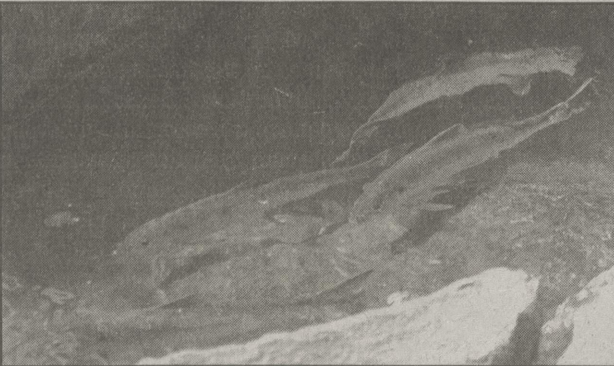
### Fish ladder and flooding relief

According to engineering firm Weston & Sampson, which has been retained by the City of Woburn to design the Horn Pond spillway, the project will build on the incredible Atlantic herring success story while also protecting citizens who live around a residential neighborhood off of Lake Avenue from future flooding events.

Specifically, the first project component entails the construction of a six-foot wide fishway on the east side of the Scalley Dam, which will include a new gate to control water flows from Horn Pond and a viewing area where volunteers can better count herring species making their way to and from the waterway.

City officials also propose a restoration of the banks along a 500-foot long stretch of Horn Pond Brook, a small stream and Aberjona River tributary that winds its way through various residential neighborhoods.

Project proponents are currently seeking permits from the Mass. Executive Office for Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) that would involve removing part of a manmade river bed bottleneck that was created several decades ago when a local landowner dumped fill into a low-lying area by the brook. Back in 1982, another developer erected the University Avenue apartment complex right by



ON TO HORN POND - More than 640,000 river herring passed through the fish ladder at the Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford in 2024, and around 37,500 herring made it into Horn Pond. (Courtesy Photo)



**HORN POND DRONE VIEW** - An overhead view of Scalley Dam at Horn Pond with the rocky spillway on the left.  
(Photo Credit: Tyler Hilliard)

that stream bottleneck.

"For the 160 ft upstream length of the project area, the project proposes slope regrading and stabilization efforts, stream channel widening, the addition of two deep pools to allow for migratory fish resting, native vegetation plantings, the installation of segmental block retaining walls, and the re-design of a small section of the existing adjacent parking area," Weston & Sampson officials explained in an initial EOEEA filing from January of 2024.

"The lower 340 feet located downstream will receive a smaller amount of restoration utilizing native plantings above the top of bank and the hand removal of blockages within the stream to allow for improved fish passage," the engineering firm further elaborated in a subsequent May of 2024 submission to the state agency.

After waters are discharged from Horn Pond into Horn Pond Brook, the stream travels south under Lake Avenue and eventually discharges into Wedge Pond in Winchester. Back in 2018, a fish ladder was established by Winchester Falls, a portion of the Aberjona River that is partially fed by Wedge Pond.

The Aberjona River and Mystic Rivers are joined together further downstream by the Mystic Lakes in Arlington and Medford.

Woburn first began exploring the \$1 million fish ladder undertaking after receiving a \$235,000 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) planning grant back in 2018. Established in 2017 by former Mass. Governor Charles Baker, the MVP initiative is managed by EOEEA as a way to help cities and towns take proactive steps towards managing extreme weather events that are expected in the coming decades due to climate change.

According to Woburn City Engineer Jay Corey and other city officials who have been working on the Horn Pond area enhancements since 2020, though the

In March of 2023, the City Council allocated roughly \$1 million towards the fish ladder bypass project. The funding comes from settlement money received from those deemed responsible for the widespread pollution of Woburn's 200-plus acre Industri-Plex superfund site off of Presidential Way.

River herring — Alewife and Blueback herring — are migratory species that spend most of their lives in the open ocean, but return to freshwater every year to spawn in the river system they were born in.

River herring first return to freshwater to reproduce at 3-5 years old, when they are sexually mature. Fish with this type of life cycle are called diadromous. They make up fewer than 1% of all fish species, and they face pressures on their populations in both their saltwater and freshwater habitats.

River herring, in particular, are threatened by over-harvesting in the ocean and by the loss of inland habitat for breeding caused by dams blocking access to inland lakes and streams.

Herring have long been an important resource for native people in this area, being used for food, as fertilizer for crops, and as a signal of the new year. They also have a crucial role in freshwater and marine food webs. River herring are prey for seals, and other marine mammals in the ocean; seabirds, cormorants, ospreys, herons, and eagles; tuna, cod, trout, and several species of bass; mink, fox, raccoon, skunk, weasel and turtles. As zooplankton eaters, they turn an inaccessible resource into the food for a large number of species humans consume, enjoy and profit from.



## • Real Estate Transfers •

### BURLINGTON

6 Birchcrest St was sold to Ross, Andrelle and Pierre-Louis, Margarete by Faiella, Monica L for \$756,000 on 11/22/24

1 Brown Ave was sold to Tran, Kevin and Tran, Christine L by Demone Bryan J Est and Massa, Jenna R for \$911,859 on 11/25/24

4 Eastern Ave was sold to Hpm Bruno Rt and Goldberg, Debra A by Shipman, William H and Mahmud, Syeda T for \$590,000 on 11/22/24

32 Greenwood Rd was sold to Lyons, Judith M by Trowbridge, Peter and Trowbridge, Maureen for \$675,000 on 11/22/24

4 Reed St was sold to Jun, Sunghyun by Hwang, Hye J and Kim, Jaekun for \$780,000 on 11/25/24

### LYNNFIELD

17 Driftwood Ln was sold to Li, Jing and Tian, Richard by Pena, James D and Soares-Pena, Teresa for \$1,530,000 on 11/27/24

171 Locksley Rd was sold to Dkaidek, Samir S by Williams, Alexandra and Williams, Elizabeth for \$910,000 on 11/20/24

11 Rockwood Rd was sold to Goodwin, Meghan and Scheufele, Austin by Monziona, Paul M for \$735,000 on 11/20/24

324 Summer St was sold to 44 Edwards Avenue LLC and Northern Realty Group Inc by Fantone, Stephen J for \$679,900 on 11/22/24

18 Temple Rd was sold to Smith, Katie E by Hennessy, Patricia and Monkiewicz, Michael for \$900,000 on 11/19/24

21 Tophet Rd was sold to Dooher, Evan and Dooher, Kellie by Fritz, Glenn A and Steger, Marlene N for \$1,520,000 on 11/20/24 North Reading

5 Greenbriar Dr #307 was sold to Clemente Jr, Robert W by Viola-Locke, Paula for \$325,000 on 11/26/24

280 Martins Lndg #8505 was sold to Kinsey, Matthew J and Kinsey, Tracy A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$600,000 on 11/26/24

2 Pine Glen Dr was sold to Angiolillo, Briana by Schlesinger, Alex J and Schlesinger, Christen M for \$815,000 on 11/25/24

### READING

57 Augustus Ct #4002 was sold to Leblanc, Alexander S by Murphy, John R for \$219,756 on 11/25/24

148 Bancroft Ave was sold to Klenk, Peter H and Klenk, Jody B by Mejail, Gabriel C and Mejail, Carol for \$865,000 on 11/25/24

174 Bancroft Ave was sold to Dixon, Debra R and Dixon, Mark W by 174 Bancroft Avenue Rt and Crispo, David C for \$815,000 on 11/26/24

8 Bear Hill Rd was sold to Mcrae, Ryan and Girardi, Theresa by Sen, Nilabja and Sen, Jayasri for \$640,000 on 11/19/24

106 Gazebo Cir #106 was sold to Alkes, Nicole by Robert S Oshaughnessy Lt and Howie, Mary M for \$554,000 on 11/22/24

508 Gazebo Cir #508 was sold to Xu, Jia-peng and Zhao, Haozuo by Patel, Darshan D and Patel, Yesha B for \$550,000 on 11/22/24

99 Grove St was sold to Innspired Homes LLC by Bretta, Laurel E for \$620,000 on 11/22/24

81 John St was sold to Pirnia, Alireza and Ashenagar, Sunny by Wood, Robert D for \$655,000 on 11/25/24

35 Richards Rd was sold to Difronzo Jr, Dino J and Difronzo, Patricia by Iannetti, Richard N and Iannetti, Eileen A for \$975,000 on 11/26/24

### STONEHAM

17 Albion Ave was sold to Keung, Jimmy and Mei, Liying by Jespersen, Peter for \$700,000 on 11/21/24

30 Butler Ave was sold to Viladegut, Genny E and Dolan, Daniel M by Greenleaf, Scott C and Harding, Kimberly A for \$755,000 on 11/29/24

145 Elm St was sold to Upside Re Development LLC by Murphy, Kenneth L and Murphy, Alan C for \$765,000 on 11/25/24

131 Franklin St #306 was sold to Robert S Oshaughnessy Lt and Howie, Mary M by Santamaria, Christine for \$460,000 on 11/22/24

139 Franklin St #A was sold to Davie, Karen and Davie, Keith by Lau, Alyssa Y for \$830,000 on 11/27/24

157 Franklin St #E2 was sold to Senoba Group LLC by Mansolilli John F Est and Willis, Michelle M for \$250,000 on 11/22/24

12 Norval Ave was sold to Litzerman, Andrew and Casey, Erin by Haggerty, Maria D for \$870,000 on 11/22/24

15 Spring St was sold to Yao, Ryan S and Lee, Jennifer by T&z Realty LLC for \$845,000 on 11/20/24

1 Theresa Rd was sold to Venuto Jr, Charles J by Miasserian, Gregory G and Miasserian, Martin P for \$625,000 on 11/26/24

14 Waterhouse Rd was sold to Moynihan, Daniel E and Moynihan, Michelle M by Venuto Jr, Charles for \$779,000 on 11/26/24

4 Whipple Ave was sold to Singh, Jasinder J and Ruby, Given by 4whipple LLC for \$875,000 on 11/27/24

490 William St was sold to Unicorn Realty TLLC by Arnold House Inc for \$1,600,000 on 11/26/24

### TEWKSBURY

46 Algonquin Dr was sold to Corum, Shaun and Macinnis, Jill by Leduc, John and Leduc, Gretchen for \$635,000 on 11/19/24

5 Crawford Dr was sold to Thibodeau, Joseph P and Thibodeau, Sara E by Souza, Leslie J and Roy, Christopher for \$600,000 on 11/27/24

73 Emerald Ct #73 was sold to Chase, William G and Chase, Joan P by Barbara J Cuoco Irt and Cuoco, Barbara J for \$789,900 on 11/21/24

20 Grasshopper Ln was sold to Gazsi, Jonathan M and Gumowski, Kathryn by Martin, William R and Fallon, Kathleen E for \$576,000 on 11/20/24

21 Judique Rd was sold to Kelly, John J and Kelly, Kathy J by Giardina, Sheila M for \$650,000 on 11/22/24

90 Juniper Ln #90 was sold to Fitzgerald, Donna by Potter, Robin A and Holahan, Beth M for \$599,900 on 11/22/24

159 Lorum St was sold to 5 Dimensions LLC by Masered Tewksbury LLC for \$3,350,000 on 11/26/24

260 Maple St was sold to Geraghty, Patrick T and Geraghty, Brigid M by M&s Renovations LLC for \$585,000 on 11/27/24

37 Merrimack Meadows Ln #37 was sold to Pазienza, Alessandra and Pазienza, Jonathan P by Della Katherine Hardy T and Hardy, Della K for \$545,000 on 11/20/24

120 Navillus Rd was sold to Richardson, Mackenzie by Falzone, Eric A and Falzone, Colleen F for \$720,000 on 11/26/24

21 Overlook Dr was sold to Gwardynski, Lukasz and Gwardynska, Kamila by Batal, John D and Batal, Julie M for \$975,000 on 11/25/24

201 Patrick Rd #201 was sold to Khalsa, Ramcharan and Kaur, Sukhmandeep by Degirolamo, Antonio and Thomaszewski, Erynn for \$520,000 on 11/21/24

25 Riverdale Ave was sold to Harris, Lyndsay I by Auchy, Mark B and Auchy, Ju-

dith M for \$624,000 on 11/27/24

67 South St was sold to Rick Gauthier LLC by Hubert Newhouse Ft and Newhouse Sr, James A for \$325,000 on 11/19/24

70 Wells Dr was sold to Gouveia, Manuel and Gouveia, Theresa by Ming Lee Rt and Lee, Kin M for \$1,075,000 on 11/22/24

71 Windsor Dr was sold to Falzone, Eric A and Falzone, Colleen F by Levesque, Roger H and Levesque, Marlene C for \$775,000 on 11/26/24

### WAKEFIELD

12 Birch Hill Ave was sold to Vallabhapurapu, Sree K and Javvadi, Appanacharya K by 98homes LLC for \$1,080,000 on 11/27/24

66 Cedar St was sold to Perkins Ft and Umamo, Melissa E by Sullivan RET Nt and Sullivan, Michael J for \$650,000 on 11/22/24

14 Crescent Hl was sold to Kumar, Toshivv C and Sachar, Shruti by Li, Ya for \$950,000 on 11/22/24

15 Jefferson Rd #15 was sold to Hickman, Peter and Aduh, Erica by Vaughn, Justin T and Vaughn, Brandy R for \$651,000 on 11/22/24

19 Lafayette St #1 was sold to Lemes, Larissa C and Urso, Matthew D by Thomson, Laura A for \$895,000 on 11/22/24

175 North Ave #508 was sold to Harney Rt and Harney, Andrea A by R & Pamela Donnelly Rt and Donnelly, Pamela J for \$885,000 on 11/26/24

5 Preston St was sold to Bertowice, Di-anna C and Bertowice, Jason by Burns, Michael for \$670,000 on 11/27/24

95 Prospect St was sold to Hb Development Corp by Bishop, Paul D and Bishop, S C for \$1,275,000 on 11/27/24

3 Richardson St #F2 was sold to Lovett, Hailey E by Lavery, Brendan for \$352,500 on 11/26/24

36 Rosemary Ave was sold to Muca, Iris and Muca, Kevin by Damico, Nancy A for \$735,000 on 11/26/24

### WILMINGTON

299 Ballardvale St was sold to Gvii-C Ballardvale Owner by Wcv-299-301 Ballardval for \$46,750,000 on 11/26/24

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37 Birchwood Rd was sold to Lynch, Lorne and Lynch, Shannon by Scanlon Kathleen M Est and Scanlon 3rd, Richard J for \$570,000 on 11/25/24

9 Broad St was sold to Effendy, Surya by Koteis Joan M Est and Mcavoy, Patrick M for \$575,000 on 11/22/24

18 Burt Rd was sold to Eyssen, Christopher and Eyssen, Mary A by Gennetti, Janice and Owens, Ray P for \$700,000 on 11/22/24

5 Franklin Ave was sold to Karras, Bill by Baker, Richard N and Us Bank TNa Tr for \$630,000 on 11/26/24

Hampshire Rd #136A was sold to Msss LLC by Blakberri Rt and Degennaro, Peter C for \$25,000 on 11/20/24

8 Judith Rd was sold to Jochen, Adriana E and Nespole, Marco A by Judith Road Rt and Doucette, Kelly A for \$750,000 on 11/19/24

38 Mill Rd was sold to Chen, Tiancheng and Chen, Lin by Coppins, Kenneth M and Coppins, Darlene A for \$1,880,000 on 11/22/24

New Hampshire Rd was sold to Msss LLC by Blewberri Rt and Degennaro, Peter C for \$75,000 on 11/20/24

282 Shawshen Ave was sold to Falter, Kayla and Alves, Arthur O by William B Black Ft and Mccarthy, Melissa D for \$600,000 on 11/22/24

640 Woburn St was sold to Goodwin, Su-

chitra and Goodwin, Matthew by Kulkarni, Narayan J and Kulkarni, Smita N for \$1,020,000 on 11/26/24

### WINCHESTER

5 Belknap Ter #5 was sold to Paik, Hyein and Jung, Jaehyun by Christine J Sommers RET and Sommers, Christine J for \$870,000 on 11/26/24

40 Foxcroft Rd was sold to 40 Foxcroft Rt and Bouboulis, Stefanos by 40 Foxcroft LLC for \$1,650,000 on 11/25/24

78 Middlesex St was sold to Deull, David L and Feldman, Rachel E by Mccormack, Croan M for \$1,580,000 on 11/29/24

14 Pine Grove Park #14 was sold to Tse, Louis and Li, Zhao by 12 Pine Grv Pk Winchester for \$1,300,000 on 11/22/24

359-361 Washington St was sold to Li, Qiang and Jin, Zuqian by Badger Management LLC for \$1,050,000 on 11/21/24 Woburn 27 Arlington Rd #27 was sold to Rose, Anthony by Cashell Joseph T Est and Cashell, John M for \$237,500 on 11/26/24

### WOBURN

40 Beach St was sold to Li, Long and Ren, Jie by Foley, Jane for \$530,000 on 11/26/24 Woburn 41 Derby Dr #41 was sold to Elia, Joseph and Elia, Paula A by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$824,900 on 11/22/24

8 Emeline St was sold to Umbelino, Anderson F and Pereira, Virginia L by Paulino, Christopher and Paulino, Kathleen for \$560,000 on 11/26/24

37-R Kilby St #C was sold to Rose, Debra J by Aucoin Kilby Street Rt and Reddy, Laurie J for \$550,000 on 11/26/24

299 Lexington St #96 was sold to Chang, Liu and Zhang, Shuai by Chen, Zhouxiang and Zhang, Linfei for \$1,068,000 on 11/27/24

42 Lillian St was sold to Banks, Matthew and Banks, Jennifer by Lewis, Brett B and Lewis, Megan E for \$725,000 on 11/26/24

8 Mawn Rd was sold to Saini, Jasbir and Saini, Suman by Parekh, Ramchandra B and Parekh, Harshidaben for \$1,250,000 on 11/22/24

45 Merrimac St #5B was sold to 45 Merrimac LLC by George W Lepke RET and Lepke, George W for \$370,000 on 11/26/24

Woburn 299 Mishawum Rd was sold to Woburn Plaza LLC by Linear RETail Woburn 1 L for \$11,200,000 on 11/21/24

10 Morgan Way #10 was sold to Young, Colin and Jin, Wei by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$950,000 on 11/26/24

431 Place Ln #431 was sold to Xia, Yu by Donato, Andrew for \$536,000 on 11/25/24

17 Stoddard St #17 was sold to Hurley, Marikate and Segal, Dennis by Ruvalo, Sean P and Ruvalo, Jamie for \$665,000 on 11/22/24

4 Stratton Dr #2403 was sold to Gabriello, Andrea and Gabriello, Nancy S by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$834,999 on 11/25/24

4 Stratton Dr #2202 was sold to Mentor, Denise by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$296,300 on 11/27/24

4 Stratton Dr #2107 was sold to Winslow, Zachary by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$262,800 on 11/26/24

17 Sturgis St #1 was sold to Mooney, Michael and Creighton, Alexandra R by Gauvain, Shawn M for \$472,000 on 11/22/24

8 Veteran Rd was sold to Northcreek Corp by Webb Ft and Webb, Ida L for \$500,000 on 11/22/24

22 Waltham St was sold to Langley, Richard J and Langley, Christena G by 22 Waltham Street Rt and Meyer, Ryall E for \$50,000 on 11/22/24

22 Waltham St was sold to Moynihan, Jennifer and Moynihan 2nd, Michael J by 22 Waltham Street Rt and Meyer, Ryall E for \$1,100,000 on 11/25/24

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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Drone sighting reported, but police confirm object was several miles away and outside of Tewksbury

Monday, December 9

3:04 a.m. - Caller reported she found a small brown and white dog, no collar or tag at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. Caller reported neighbor came out to get the dog.

10:07 a.m. - A 911 caller reported they had an unruly customer in the lobby at Enterprise Rent-a-Car. Police sent. All parties spoken to over a disagreement over payment.

11:49 a.m. - Caller reported a female banging on the door, yelling for parties to open the door at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. No answer at the door. Officer checked out the area, no emergencies found.

2:57 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious motor vehicle parked behind the building by the maintenance shed at Balsam Place. Police sent. They confirmed that those parties were gone on arrival.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported two vehicles — white SUV and sedan — not moving near the entrance at Ryan School. Traffic started to pile up and it was

unknown if the vehicles were involved in an accident. Police sent. They checked the area with nothing showing matching description. Vehicles were gone on arrival.

8:12 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer in regards to packages at M&B Seal Coating. He ordered and had not been reaching through Wayfair. Wayfair told caller to contact local police department for a report before moving forward. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, December 10

12:39 a.m. - Caller reported there were people screaming in the unit above hers at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. They spoke with the residents and would keep it down for the evening. They also spoke with the caller and advised her to reach out to management in the morning.

1:30 p.m. - Caller stated that a gray BMW with tinted windows and no lights ran a stop sign and ran the red light at Main Street and Shawsheen Street. It took a right toward Wilmington. Police sent. Wil-

lington Police Department was notified. Officer checked to town line, but gone on arrival.

Wednesday, December 11

1:24 a.m. - Homeowner of Castle Street reported there were ten people trying to get into his truck located in the backyard. Caller did not have eyes on them and he was unable to provide any description. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

1:33 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area of Balsam Place. Police sent. They confirmed a male party was just waiting to pick up his girlfriend.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported two pickup trucks, one gray and one black, doing donuts in the parking lot of Ocean State Job Lot. Police sent. They attempted to make contact with the driver on Whipple Road after nothing was showing on location. The vehicle was found in driveway and police knocked on the door, but no one answered.

Thursday, December 12

11:20 a.m. - Caller stated this morning she noticed her trunk was open on her car at Blease Drive. A piece of the door handle was off in the trunk. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:23 p.m. - Homeowner reported a dark sedan in the driveway of Redgate Road on camera; nobody should be at the residence at this time. Police sent. The vehicle was in the driveway and the police spoke to operator. She was a friend of the husband and was picking up belongings. The police confirmed with husband and caller.

8:45 p.m. - Wilmington Police Department received a call for an erratic white pickup truck with lasers that pulled into Indian Ridge. Vehicle was all over the road. Caller provided a plate, but came back to a different vehicle. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

9:03 p.m. - Red sports car observed in parking lot at Northern Middlesex Regional Comm Center doing burnouts. Police sent and checked the area. Suspect vehicle was found and the

police advised them. Officer filed a report.

Friday, December 13

12:51 p.m. - Caller reported male huffing air duster at Market Basket north. White male wearing a gray jacket and brown pants. Police sent and requested ambulance. They transported to Saints under PC drugs. Officer filed a report.

8:29 p.m. - Caller requested a walk through of their home at Whited Avenue. Caller stated that she left the door unlocked when she left this morning, but when she got home, the door was locked. She stated she had been in the house for a few minutes but would like an officer to do a walk through. Police sent. Everything was all set.

Saturday, December 14

9:37 a.m. - Caller reported child unsecured in a vehicle at Main Street. Police sent. Vehicle was in drive-thru and they had a child safety seat in the back.

9:41 a.m. - Caller reported

box van with Nowell and Sons Moving near Main Street and Old Boston Road. Caller reported vehicle was all over the roadway and had crossed the double yellow line several times. Police sent. They reported finding vehicle in front of Archstone Avenue. Operator explained he was trying not to strike overhead tree branches while traveling down East Street.

5:29 p.m. - Caller reported person out front with his kids and a sign at Market Basket north. They had been asked many times in the past to move. Caller would like person removed from property and to issue notice of trespass. Police sent. Male party was on his way and officer filed a report.

6:47 p.m. - A 911 caller reported drone flying over backyard at Maplewood Road. Caller available to show officer where drone was. Police sent and spoke with the caller. The drone was several miles away and outside of Tewksbury.

Sunday, December 15

12:15 a.m. - Caller from Motel 6 stated male in white motor vehicle parked in the middle of the lot and seemed to be looking around at Motel 6 while in the motor vehicle. Male was no longer on the scene and caller was just concerned and wanted area checked out. Police sent. Vehicle was gone on arrival.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Brockton man issued summons for alleged shoplifting

Friday, Dec. 6:

2:34 p.m.: A white 2019 Chevy Silverado hit a tree on Middlesex Avenue. Billerica police assisted at the scene, and the fire department issued CPR to a patient and transported them to Lahey Medical Center.

2:56 p.m.: A brown 2000 Toyota Camry and a purple 2022 Hyundai Palisade were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street. No injuries were reported, but Tewksbury police handled the situation due to Wilmington police being busy with the situation on Middlesex Avenue.

7:56 p.m.: A manager at the Dollar Tree on Main Street reported a shoplifting incident that occurred the night before, and stated that the two people involved had been in the store twice that evening. The manager was advised to call back if the people returned again.

Saturday, Dec. 7:

12:00 a.m.: Samantha Al-berta Lightizer of 101 High St., Apt. #1, in Haverhill, was arrested for OUI- Liquor over .08% and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a caller reporting that her gray 2020 Nissan Murano was going the wrong way

on the rotary in Woburn.

2:52 a.m.: Juscirleide Gomes Silva of 59 Clarence St., Apt. #1, in Everett, was issued a summons for not having a valid inspection sticker and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of her gray 2009 Nissan Sentra on Concord Street.

12:33 p.m.: Sandra Pamela Escobar Chilel of 981 Main St., in Woburn, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to yield at an intersection. This followed her involvement in a head-on motor vehicle accident between a gray 2018 Honda HR-V and a black 2015 BMW 320XI, where two people, including an infant, were injured and transported by the fire department.

10:09 p.m.: Adam Scott Regan of 323 Court St., in Brockton, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed a caller at the Cumberland Farms on Main Street reporting a man who appeared to be high taking items and yelling at other customers.

Sunday, Dec. 8:

2:27 a.m.: A caller reported that his blue 2006 Toyota Scion slid and became stuck on the curb in front

of Sonny's Mobile on the run on Lowell Street. Police transported the man home.

3:47 p.m.: A caller at the Ace Hardware on Main Street reported that a scammer posing as her store's Point of Sale vendor caused a loss of \$3,700 due to the caller being unaware they weren't the actual POS vendor. The scammer called back later, but by this point, the caller had realized the scam, and didn't provide any further info.

6:05 p.m.: A caller at the Dollar Tree on Main Street reported a shoplifting in progress. However, after police went to their vehicle to check their ID, the party stated they were shopping for Christmas decorations, weren't con-

cealing anything, and paid for their items at both Savers and Dollar Tree.

Monday, Dec. 9:

7:47 a.m.: A black 2008 Honda Accord and a blue 2015 Ford F150 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Salem Street. Police assisted with traffic as the accident necessitated a detour.

12:16 p.m.: A blue 2011 Hyundai Sonata and a red 2000 Toyota Solara were involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Street. No injuries were reported, and no airbags were deployed.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

8:09 a.m.: Luis Hernandez of 131 S Union St., Apt. #2, in Lowell, was issued a summons for malicious destruction of property under \$1,200. This followed an employee at the Lowes on Main Street calling, stating that another employee slashed someone's tires with a knife.

12:18 p.m.: A caller at the

Market Basket on Main Street reported their gray Honda Civic stolen, with the caller having been inside for 10-15 minutes, and had left their keys and phone inside the car. After police issued a lookout for the car, the vehicle was located elsewhere in the parking lot.

3:38 p.m.: A gray 2000 GMC Safari caught fire on the I-93 SB, with material falling out of the engine compartment. Everyone was out of the vehicle by the time police arrived, and state police handled the situation.

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

6:23 a.m.: A caller near Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street reported that her gray 2024 Audi Q8 E-Tron was side swiped on the highway by a blue 2018 Jeep Wrangler. State police handled the situation.

2:43 p.m.: Police were flagged down on Main Street by someone saying their black 2019 Chevy Traverse had been stolen. Police were able to find

the car in the Market Basket parking lot and returned it to the owner.

7:32 p.m.: A black 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe and a black 2025 Toyota Sienna were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. Airbags deployed in one of the vehicles, and two people refused medical attention.

Thursday, Dec. 12:

2:43 a.m.: A woman in a wheelchair had been in the store for an hour and a half, and was sleeping. Upon police arrival, the woman went outside and was attempting to get a Lyft.

7:58 a.m.: A black 2022 Ford F350 and a white 2020 Ford F250 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Federal Street. No injuries were reported, and no airbags were deployed.

3:17 p.m.: A caller on Main Street reported past damage to her brown 2016 Subaru Forrester from landscapers, with the back window having been smashed out.



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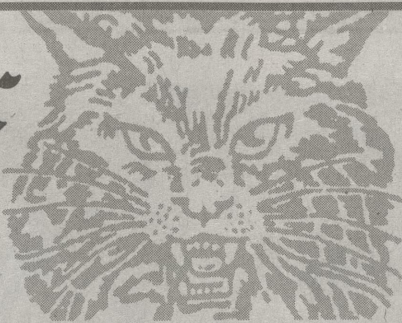
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▲ New Wilmington coach Anthony Faradie keeps an eye on the action on Wilmington's season opener. (Doug Hastings photo)

# NOT TOO SHABBY

*Wilmington High boys hoop drops opener, but shows promise*

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For the record, the Wilmington High boys basketball team did have the lead on Friday when junior captain Ryan Gray hit an 8-foot jump shot to start the game.

The rest of the night, unfortunately, belonged to the home team as the Red and Black of Winchester cruised to a 72-30 win.

Winchester is likely one of the favorites to win the Middlesex League's Liberty Division while the Wildcats, guided by new coach Anthony Faradie, are in their first steps of the building process.

Winchester answered Wilmington's opening bucket with 13 straight points and led 18-4 after the first quarter.

The Red and Black had a 10-0 run at the end of the first quarter and then used an 11-2 spurt to close out the first half and led 34-10 at the break.

The 'Cats improved their offense in the second half, scoring 10 points in the third and fourth quarters.

Senior captain Ayden Balter led Wilmington with 12 points and Gray added 11.

Junior Connor Sullivan added four points, senior Benjamin Jamieson had a basket and junior Will Poyant chipped in with one point.

While the points for Wilmington weren't enough for a victory, WHS moved the ball well and created some nice shots for itself.

Balter powered inside for a basket in the second quarter and a steal by junior Roman Synnott led to a fast-break bucket that saw Sullivan dish to Gray for a layup was the best hoop of the half for Wil-

lington.

Gray had five third-quarter points with a 3-pointer and a strong move to the hoop and Jamieson had his basket with a driving layup.

Sullivan had all four of his points in the fourth quarter with two free throws and a layup off a pass from Balter.

Defensively, the Wildcats drew four charges on Winchester, Gray and junior Noah Titterington had two of them.

Faradie was able to see all of his players in the fourth quarter.

Senior Kyle Gabaree hit the floor to earn a jump ball for the Wildcats while senior Jack Murphy, senior Shane Tassone, junior Timothy Watson and freshman Spencer Walker all saw good minutes down the stretch.

WHS was back in action on Tuesday night at home against Arlington and hosts Stoneham Thursday at 5 p.m.

▼ Ayden Balter takes the jump ball to start last week's game in Winchester.

(Doug Hastings photo)



Ryan Gray dribbles past a Winchester defender. (Doug Hastings photo)



# Tough tests early

## Wilmington boys, Wilmington/Stoneham girls hockey fall in first games

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The Wilmington High boys hockey team started its season on Saturday, falling to one of the state's top squads from Winchester, 5-0.

"A lot of first-game jitters early," said WHS Steve Scanlon. "We spent a good amount of the second period killing penalties. Our PK units did a good job. Winchester is a skilled, big, fast team and it's tough to chase the game against a team like that."

Seven seniors are on the Wilmington roster this season including goalie Tyler Marinho, defenseman Tyler Florencio and forwards David McDonough-Padden, Brennan Walsh, Jake Tucker, Matt O'Brien and Nick DiGiovanni.

Juniors for Wilmington are goalie Cameron Thompson, defensemen Gus Lambert and Colin Allard and forwards Brady Cabral, Emrick O'Brien, Derek Perault, Isaac Tavares and Camden Gray.

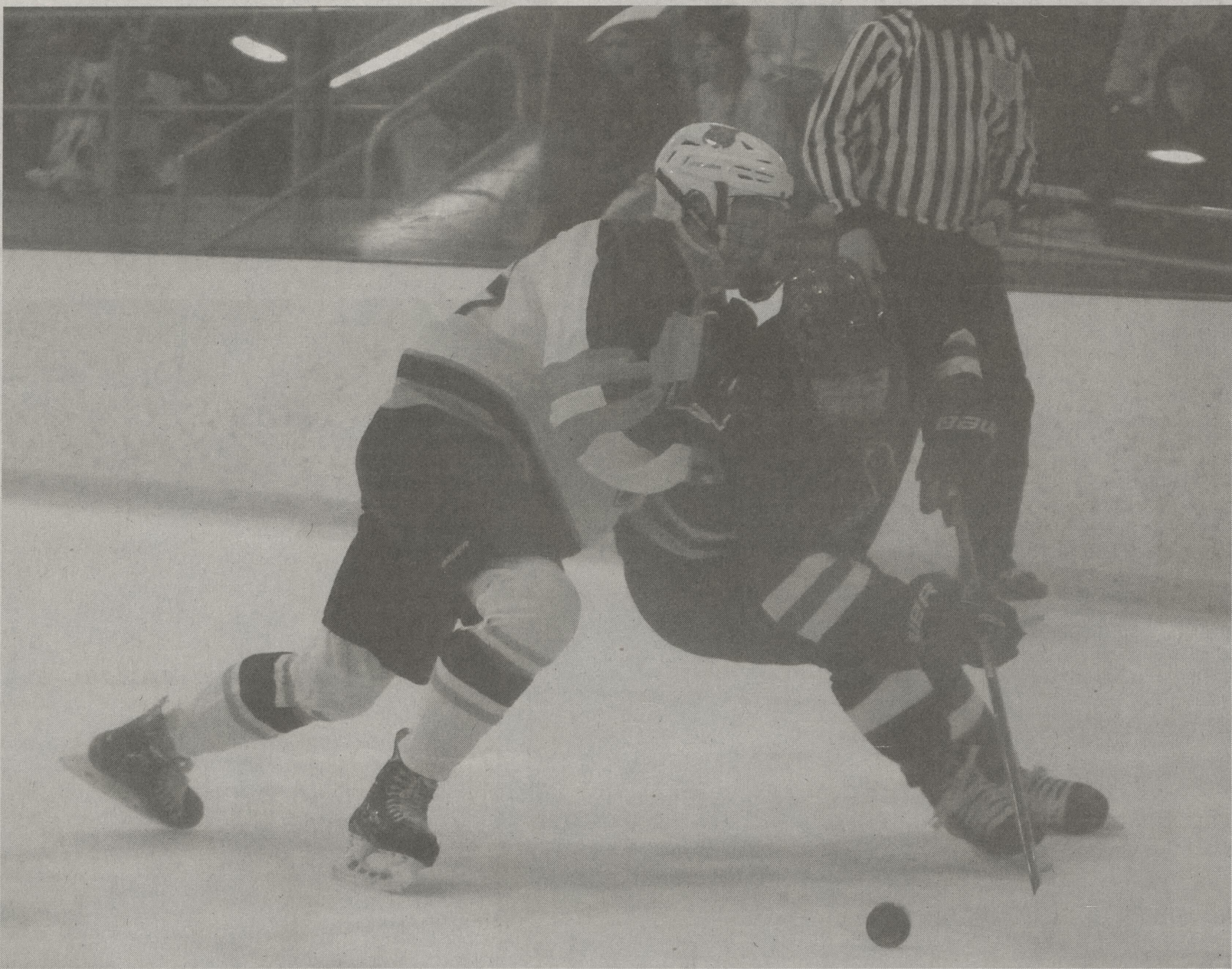
Seven sophomores include forwards Nate Murphy, Henry Almeda and Ryan Archer,

defensemen Nate Anderson, Maxwell Bagtaz and Luke Cushing and goaltender Evan McLean.

Winchester scored twice in the first period, once in the second and two more times in the third on its way to victory.

The Wildcats play in Lexington on Saturday at 7:15 p.m. in their next game.

Tanners beat Wilmington/Stoneham girls, 5-1



▲ Colin Allard makes a defensive play to slow down a Winchester player. (Doug Hastings photo)

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WOBURN — It was an impressive season-opener for the Woburn High girls' hockey team. The Tanners faced a Stoneham-Wilmington team that typically gives them problems and totally dominated in a 5-1 triumph, Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Rink.

After a scoreless first period, Woburn scored three times in the second to take control.

The Sparta Cats got one back midway through the third period, but the Tanners responded with the second goals of the game from Juliana Ferragamo and Savannah Powers for the 5-1 final.

The Tanners controlled play in the first period but proceeded with caution, only putting six shots on net to Stoneham/Wilmington's two.

The Tanners stepped up their aggressiveness on offense and started taking more shots in the second, and eventually they were rewarded with three unanswered goals.

Powers got the first one with a wrist shot from low on the left side. Powers approached the net from

the left corner and flipped a shot over goalie Emma Allard's right shoulder and into the net.

Kelsi Grimes and Ella Spinazola got the assists. The second goal came less than three minutes later, at 9:54.

Ferragamo made a nice rush from center ice, skated into the Stoneham/Wilmington zone and fired a shot from the left circle past Allard for a 2-0 lead. Powers (2-1) gave her the puck to start the rush.

Woburn took a 3-0 lead with a goal in the final minute of the second period.

Freshman Mia Basile got her first point and Kate Sullivan helped generate pressure from the left side. The puck ended up in front of the net and Emme Flavin sent the puck into the left side of the target at 14:19.

Vivien Savoie of Wilmington/Stoneham spoiled Cadence Pearce's shut-out bid, midway through the third period, slipping a shot from close range between the pads after taking a pass from teammate Isabella Shirtcliff.

Allison Mahoney also assisted on the goal.



▲ Senior Matt O'Brien carries the puck against Winchester. (Doug Hastings photo)

Pearce did not see as much traffic in front of the net as her Sparta Cat counterpart, Emma Allard, but the third-year sophomore made some timely saves while the game was still close on the scoreboard.

The Tanners regained their three-goal advantage

five minutes later, when Ferragamo took a pass from Sullivan, skated across the high slot and fired a heavy shot from the right circle over the shoulder of Allard, making it 4-1 at 11:12.

Woburn kept pouring the shots on — there were 30 over the final two periods

— and Powers scored again from the left side after taking a feed from Nora Kennedy. Spinazola also assisted on the play at 12:45.

Wilmington/Stoneham hosted Winchester on Wednesday and visits Reading on Saturday at 6 p.m.

# Girls basketball cruises in opener

## Wildcats blow out Winchester to start season in style

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WILMINGTON — The Winchester High girls' basketball team scored the first four points of the game, but then it was all Wilmington after that in a 52-31 victory, on opening night for both teams last Friday at Wilmington High Gym.

Third-year captain and fourth-year starter Eva Boudreau led the Wildcats with 16 points, while senior Allesandra Delgenio helped Wilmington take control with 13 points

in the first three quarters.

Junior Catherine (CC) Ryan led the Red & Black with 13 points, as they began a new era in Winchester basketball without all-time leading scorer Emily Collins.

The Red & Black took the initial lead in an unusual manner when a technical foul was called on the Wildcats just three seconds into the contest. It seems a Wilmington starter was wearing a different number than what was listed on the roster, and that was how it was written into the

official scorebook. Ryan hit one of the two free throws and Maeve Collins followed it up with a 3-pointer from the left side to give Winchester a 4-0 lead.

Delgenio stepped up for the Wildcats and scored seven of their points in an 8-0 run, giving them an 8-4 lead.

Ryan ended the run with a put-back, but Wilmington still sported a 10-7 lead after one competitive quarter.

Winchester struggled offensively throughout, but the defense did an excellent job of keeping it

in the game for a good stretch.

Charlotte Forcina's trey gave stretched the Wildcats' lead to eight points but baskets by Molly Doyle (her first varsity points) and sophomore Averie Montie, off a nice feed from GG Fantini, plus a pair of free throws from Ryan, kept the Wilmington lead in single digits until the Wildcats closed out the half on a 4-0 run to take an 11-point lead at the break, 24-13.

Wilmington carried its momentum into the second half, starting the third quarter with a 5-0

run to take a 29-13 lead.

Ryan finally got Winchester on the board with a successful basket and one. Another free got the lead down to 12 before the Wildcats put the game completely out of reach with a 10-3 run to close out the quarter.

Boudreau scored nine points in the quarter, including six in the 10-3 run.

Ali McElligott hit a pair of free throws and Delgenio scored her last bucket to increase the lead to 20 after three quarters, 39-19.

The Wilmington lead grew to as much as 27 (51-

24) as Boudreau added six more points during a 12-5 run. Kiera Hammond hit two of three free throws and Fantini knocked down a triple for Winchester's points during the run.

The Red & Black ended the game on a 7-1 run, with Ryan and Montie providing the scoring for Winchester.

WHS played in Arlington on Tuesday and hosts Stoneham on Thursday at 7 p.m.

# Relay win highlights girls track opener

The Wilmington High girls Indoor track team opened up their season on Saturday, December 14 at the MSTCA Winter Festival Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

The girls had many outstanding performances and were led by junior

Lexi LeBlanc, who won the 55-meter dash in a personal-record time of 7.49 seconds. That time also qualified her for the state Div. 4 championships.

She also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 3.25 inches which also qualified for

the Div. 4 state meet. She then anchored the 4 x 200 relay (along with Kayleigh Walker, Cate MacDonald and Avery King) to a first-place finish in a state qualifying time of 1:52.55. Also placing in the top 8 for the Wildcats was:

- Cate MacDonald, 6th place in the 55 meter

dash with a personal record of 7.91 seconds

- Isabel Carriere, 5th place in the 300 meters with a time of 45.24 seconds

- Katelyn Shackelford, 8th place in the two mile run with a personal record time of 13:32.10

- Giselle Olatilu, 7th

place in the high jump with a personal record tying jump of 4 feet, 6 inches.

- Maddie Krueger, 8th place in the shot put with a toss of 28 feet, 3.25 inches and the 4 x 400 relay team of Olivia Niceforo, Maeve White, Kaylin Mulik and Isabel Carriere

placed 2nd with a time of 4:38.89

The next meet for the Wildcats will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 against Waretown High

School at the New Balance Track in Boston.





▲ Coach Joe Gore talks with Jevon Moron during a break in the action. (Doug Hastings photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

# Boys basketball pulls away in Game One

*Rams get tested by Greater Lowell before cruising to victory*

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Test No. 1 for the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team?

The Rams passed. On Friday night in front of a packed gymnasium,

Shawsheen beat visiting Greater Lowell by a 57-41 score.

Up 23-14 at halftime, the game picked up its scoring and its intensity in the second half.

The Gryphons tied the game three times in the third quarter; the last

time at 29-29, before Shawsheen closed out the third quarter with an 8-0 surge and led 38-32 heading into the fourth quarter.

Greater Lowell scored the first basket of the final stanza to cut the lead to four, but Shawsheen scored the next 12 points to take a

16-point lead and put this game away.

The lead eventually reached 18 as the Rams opened 1-0 with a big Commonwealth Athletic Conference victory.

After senior Franck Moron's layup gave the Rams a 25-14 lead to start the third quarter, the Gryphons answered with an 11-0 run to tie the game at 25 with 5:03 left in the quarter.

Senior Danny Luna had six straight points for Greater Lowell including a three-point play and a 3-point.

With the game even at 29, senior guard Lukas Poirier of Wilmington put the Rams ahead for good in memorable fashion, an alley-oop pass to senior Matt Breen of Wilmington for a slam dunk.

Moron added a coast-to-coast driving layup off of a defensive rebound and freshman D'Sean Moron contributed a basket moments later before junior Jevon Moron's offensive rebound and put-back made it 37-29.

Luna's 3-pointer stopped the bleeding and had Greater Lowell within six after three.

Shawsheen started its 12-0 spurt in the fourth quarter when D'Sean Moron's pass led to a three-point play by Franck Moron.

Breen's inside bucket was followed by a driving layup by Jevon Moron to push the lead to 45-34.

Two Breen foul shots and a 3-pointer by Poirier made it 50-34.

Another Luna 3-pointer was followed by back-to-back baskets by Breen and Franck Moron to put the game in the books.

Franck Moron led Shawsheen with 18 points, Breen added 17 and Jevon Moron added eight.

Poirier contributed seven points and D'Sean Moron's varsity debut was a memorable one with three points and several nice assists. He even drew a "he's a freshman" chant from the Ram student section.

Also adding baskets were senior Nate Jean-Francois of Tewksbury and junior Adam Caruso of Billerica.

Luna's 15 points led the Gryphons while senior Damien Jackman added nine points and junior Yadiel Delgado contributed seven.

Tuesday, Shawsheen is back in action against KIPP Academy before visiting Lynn Tech on Friday at 6 p.m.

## WRESTLING

Just eight days away from a Super Bowl title at Gillette Stadium, the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team put down the cleats and laced up the wrestling shoes at the 39th "Blue Devil Classic" in Salem N.H.

Shawsheen scored 268 team points, almost 80 points ahead of runner-up Concord, N.H.

The Tildsley Brothers dominated the day earning themselves their fourth consecutive championship each, joining legend Trevor Deardon as the only three to ever win the event four times.

Junior Logan Holmes and freshman Tristan Lane also were crowned champions at 175 and 144 pounds, respectively.

Shawsheen also sent a team to the Wilmington Sons of Italy Tournament, scoring 198 points, finishing in second place.

Sophomore Quin Carbone and junior Ethan Caceres each took home Wilmington titles at 165 pounds and 120 pounds.

## BOYS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team lost its season opener last Thursday against Marblehead, 5-0.

With four key members of the team fresh off of a Super Bowl title with the football team, the Rams may need a week or two to get into hockey shape.

Fourteen Wilmington residents are on the roster for the Rams including senior forwards Cam Splaine, Jason Spaniol, Zack Timmons and Ben Gibbons and senior defenseman Darion Considine.

Sophomore goalies Matt Boyer and Dylan Mainini are from Wilmington.

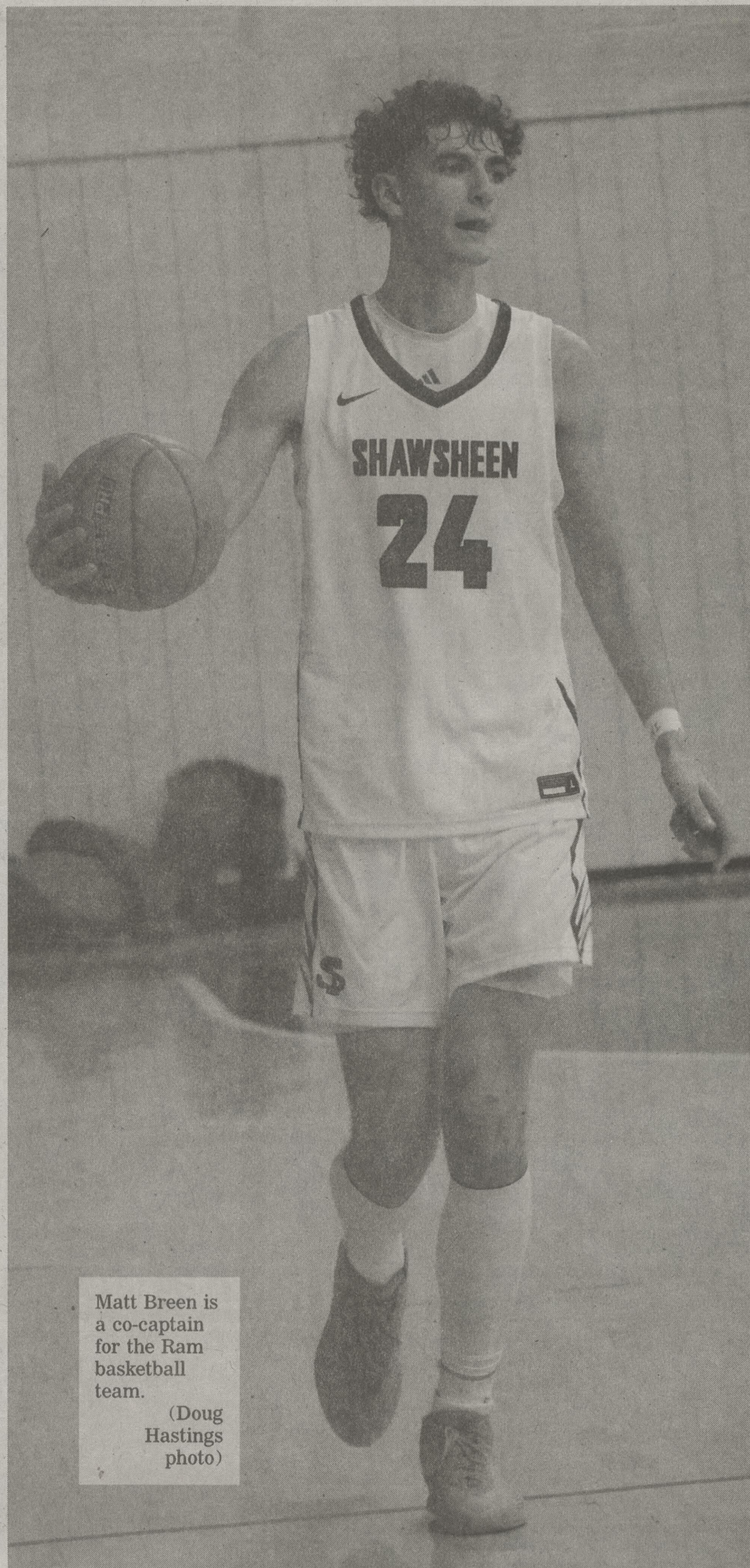
Other residents are junior forwards Justin Thibert and Jake Carr, freshmen forwards Dylan Minasian and Ryan Hudd and the three Banda brothers on defense, juniors Jake and Eric and freshman Cam.

Four Tewksbury residents are skating with the Rams including junior forward Hunter Gervais and freshmen Josh Baker, Justin Harrington and Kyle MacKeen.

Senior forward Dylan Higson of Bedford will be one of the team's top weapons on offense.

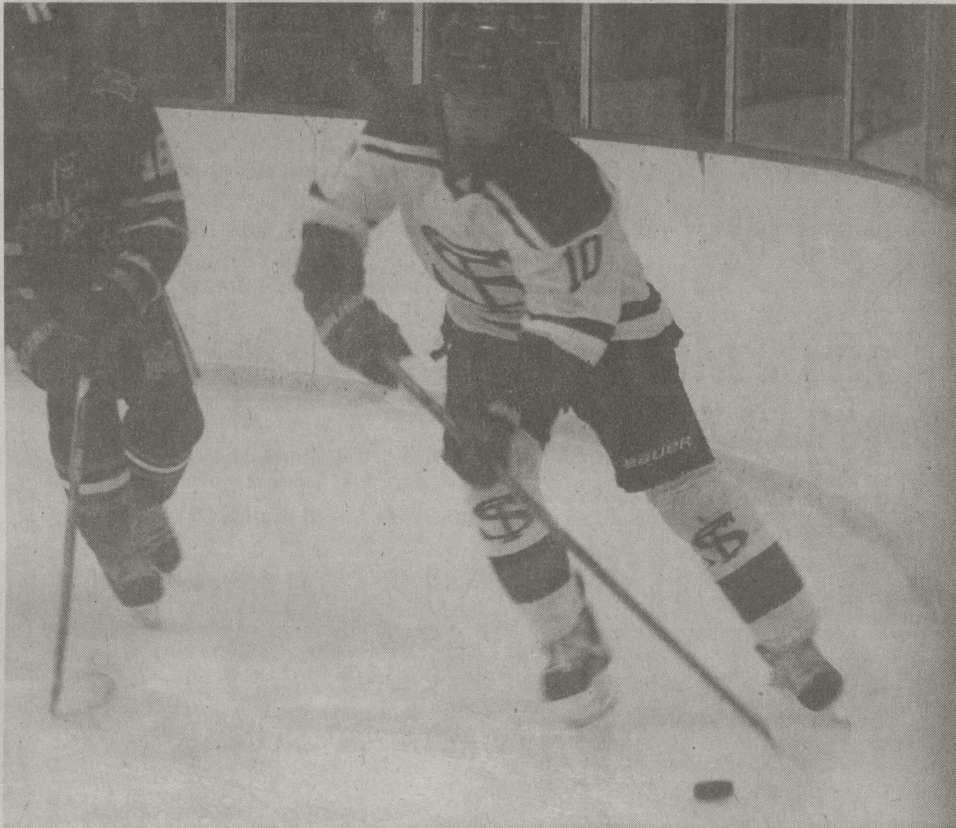
Nine Billerica residents include seniors Larry Cullity, James Famolare and goalie Aidan Fortunato.

Others from Billerica include Joe DaSilva, Brayden Johnson, Jacoby Patterson, James O'Leary, Charlie Shannon and Harrison Shannon.



Matt Breen is a co-captain for the Ram basketball team.

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▲ Senior Cam Splaine makes a move for the Rams. (Doug Hastings photo)



▲ The Rams dropped their season opener last Thursday.

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